

The final verdict: Loyola University

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It's official.

After much debate, research and critical consideration, the issue that has taken the forefront on the Evergreen campus and beyond over the past few months has been put to rest. In a unanimous vote, the Executive Committee of Loyola's Board of Trustees recently confirmed the decision to change Loyola's designation from a "College" to a "University". As part of the most recent strategic plan to further Loyola's progress in the environment of higher education, on August 15, 2009 the school will henceforth be called "Loyola University Maryland".

"Loyola's progress has been dramatic over the last 40 years, and that has all been the result of very careful planning that brings the school to the next level," said Loyola President Fr. Brian Linnane, S.J. "We felt that the designation 'College' didn't really communicate what this institution had become over the course of the past four decades and so we felt that this was now the time to make this change."

Though the decision for a name change may seem sudden and rash to some, the process has actually been ongoing for a while now.

The latest strategic plan in which the topic of a designation change first

surfaced began a couple years ago, when Linnane and company found that Loyola was among the top Catholic comprehensive universities in the country, comprehensive meaning a well-rounded school generally with strengths in various areas like arts and sciences, core, and undergraduate and graduate programs. After assessing where Loyola stood, the next step was clear – to move towards being the premiere Catholic university in the nation. The plan for this goal underwent revision upon revision over the past year.

Then the basic question arose: why not change the school's designation?

The procedure and discussions then began. In addition to seeking feedback from various Loyola constituencies, the school utilized the higher education consulting firm, SimpsonScarborough, to conduct research regarding the possible change and how it would affect Loyola on both a positive and negative level.

The Board was also very careful to examine the costs associated with a name change and where the money would come from (funds already in place allocated for the expenses). After rounds of research reinforced that the change to a "university" would indeed be beneficial, the Board of Trustees moved towards authorizing their Executive Committee and making the final decision.

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A campus-wide effort pushes nationwide cause

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While many incoming and returning college students may show more concern with new classes, new friends and new living arrangements this September, a greater challenge looms on the November horizon. In what is arguably the most important and most exciting presidential election in recent history – one prefaced by a record-breaking presidential primary season for youth voter turnout – polling places and voting offices are expecting a

huge showing from citizens ages 18 to 24 some two months from now. To ensure a voice for Loyola students, a college-wide voting initiative will be taking place throughout September and October, right up until the election night in November.

Spearheading the initiative are student-body president Alex Hollis, '09, and Kat Kienle, '10, with Fr. Jack Dennis serving in an advisory role. Hollis and Kienle hope to register roughly 1,500 students, in addition to anywhere between 200 and 250 faculty; the overall goal, though, demands that all 1,500 newly-registered students

vote as well. Said Kienle, "We can disagree on so many things, but we can't disagree on the privilege of voting."

A push for some sort of voting initiative on Loyola's campus began late last April, when Dennis approached Hollis about implementing a voter drive for the fall semester. The senior-year Student Government Association (or SGA) president was already seriously considering such a drive; said Hollis, "It's the most important election of our lifetimes so far, and to not have a voice in it would be sad." Kienle jumped on board

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Loyola SGA schedules Lupe and John Oliver for fall entertainment

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SGA expects the Loyola College community to react well with their selection of entertainment for the 2008 fall season. John Oliver, a comedian, writer, and correspondent for *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart, promises to receive laughter when he performs on Friday, September 13 as a part of the annual initium week. Lupe Fiasco, hip hop artist and Grammy award winner will take the stage on October 11.

SGA insists that both acts bring something new to the table since they both are currently popular with the peak of their success still ahead of them.

"I think Lupe is a great performer to have at Loyola because he's the biggest current artist we've had

and should put on a good show," said Greg Howard, '10. "He's one of the top artists in his genre and it will be great for students regardless of their background."

John Oliver can frequently be seen commenting on recent political scandals on *The Daily Show*. Born in Liverpool, England in 1977, Oliver graduated from Cambridge University with a major in English. He went on to write and star in *The Department* for BBC Radio 4 with Chris Addison and Andy Zaltzman. The three men used their air time to solve one major world problem.

It seems fitting for Oliver's visit to occur during a year of such controversy. With an upcoming election, ongoing conflict in Iraq, and a struggling economy, the SGA officials believe that he appearance in Reitz Arena comes at a perfect time.

"It's a good way to incorporate the

election," says Tracy Petruziello, Vice President for Social Affairs. "It's another way to let people know that there is an election this year and that we are a part of it and can make a difference."

"His humor is very witty and ironic, and different from what we have had here," said Emma Staley, '09, who interned for *The Daily Show* over the summer.

"I like his whole British outlook, making fun of the Americans all the time. It's kind of funny," said Kevin Paul, '12.

According to *The Daily Show's* website, Oliver thrives on humoring American audiences since he "had all but burnt his bridges in his own."

"It's nice to have a different outlook," added Dana Rafoth, '12, "the British have an offbeat sense of humor."

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Lupe Fiasco will perform at Loyola in October after coming off the "Glow in the Dark" tour with Kanye West and performing at the ESPYs over the summer.

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“We feel if peace is inside ourselves, maybe we will have peace.”

Hoda Munzer. Teaches children yoga techniques near the border of Israel in Southern Lebanon.

“I won't leave until there is a political change...If you want me to leave, you will have to kill me and take my body out of here.”

-Sonthi Limthongkul. Peoples Alliance in Thailand. 30,000 protesters entered into the Prime Minister's compound rejecting his possible alliance with former Prime Minister, Thaksin Shinawatra.

Barack Obama selects running mate

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Senator Barak Obama selected his running mate, Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., of Delaware early Saturday morning, ending two months of searching. Born into a working class family in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Biden supports abortion rights despite his Roman Catholic roots, and although he voted to authorize the war in Iraq as the conflict heightened, he has consistently opposed how President Bush has handled the situation since. Biden has not only criticized Bush's progress in the White House, but he also confirmed on many occasions that he did not believe Obama to be ready to undertake the role of President.

Natural gas production may decrease energy expenses

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A renewal in natural gas production may alleviate the burden of energy expenses in the next few years. The latest advanced technology enables the natural gas trapped in large shale beds to be released. This resource, previously deemed unattainable, is the cleanest fossil fuel next to coal and iron, as it releases fewer emissions that cause global warming. This “new gas” has set off conflict between different drilling agencies fighting for the rights of leasing and drilling. The shale exists in 23 states beneath millions of acres of land.

Hurricane Gustav hits Haiti, affects many countries

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Hurricane Gustav hit Haiti in its category one stage, on Tuesday near the city of Jacmel, southwest of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The storm was estimated to continue into Wednesday, August 27 and shifted to the level of a tropical storm by the night of Tuesday, August 26 and affected the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Gustav caused many flight cancellations within the United States and Haiti, leaving many travelers anxious and unhappy. Heavy rains prompted floods and mudslides. Gustav is the second strong storm to hit Haiti in the past two weeks, after Tropical Storm Fay, and the seventh named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season.

North Korea suspends nuclear program dismantling

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North Korea suspended the dismantling of their nuclear program on August 14, two months after blowing up the cooling tower its own nuclear plant, recording the explosion for television viewers. The country then threatened to restore the plants. The officials claim that the dismantling of the program is on account of the United States' failure to remove the country from the list of ‘terror sponsoring’ states. Bush asked Congress to remove North Korea from the list on June 27, but would not grant the request until United States officials processed the 60 page inventory given to China by North Korea and written in English.



Democratic National Convention allows Obama, Clinton to take stage

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The Democratic National Convention went underway in Denver, Colorado, on Monday, August 25. The first night introduced Obama's struggle as Michelle Obama took the stage among other individuals who largely impacted Obama's life. The program highlighted the similarities of the democratic candidate's life to that of many struggling Americans. On Tuesday, August 26, Hillary Clinton validated the confidence she has in her former opponent. “We are on the same team, and none of us can sit on the sidelines. This is a fight for the future. And it's a fight we must win,” said Clinton in her speech on Tuesday night. The programming for the rest of the week included a speech from Democratic vice presidential nominee Joe Biden, and Democratic presidential nominee Senator Barak Obama.

Sources : Al Jazeera , AP, CNN, N.Y. Times. Picture MCT Campus

Campus car service aims to provide students with enviornmentally-friendly transport

To provide additional transportation resources for the Loyola College population, the department of Public Safety has implemented a program called Enviroride. The service will provide environmentally friendly vehicles to shuttle customers in and around Baltimore. The program uses a flat fee system that is published at lobbies, desks and residence halls. For more information and reservations, call Mike Rogers at 443-939-4334.

Loyola Ranked #2 in U.S News Rankings

U.S. News and World Report named Loyola College in Maryland the Number Two master's university in the North region in the 2009 “America's Best Colleges” survey. Loyola has held a steady Top 10 position in its category for over 10 years.

GEDCO Gardens seeking donations and volunteers

Loyola's community partner, GEDCO, is in need of volunteers to assist in planting. GEDCO encourages to donate tools, time or money to help with the gardens at Gallagher Mansion, Stadium Place or Ephiphany House. In addition, the partnered food pantry, CARES, is in need of food donations. Dry foods can be dropped off at CCSJ. For more information, contact Andrea Goicochea at mgoicochea@loyola.edu.

Immersion Program Applications Due Sept. 12

The applications for both the Project Mexico and Encounter El Salvador immersion programs are now available at Loyola's website. Project Mexico, the

annual trip to help students in need in Mexico, is open to undergraduates only, but Encounter El Salvador is open to staff, faculty, administration and graduate students. The deadline to submit both applications is Friday, Sept. 12.

Support a student through Iraqi Student Project

This semester, a young Iraqi woman will be attending Loyola College with the help of the Iraqi Student Project and the Loyola College Community. May Adil, 26, was studying medicine until her family had to leave Iraq to move to Syria. The Iraqi Studen Project works with student refugees who have escaped with their families from violence and chaos in Iraq. The College community is being asked to help May with support in the forms of housing, donations for her airfare and more. For more information, check the Loyola College website.

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Campus Police Blotter

Selected excerpts from reports

Friday, August 22

On the above date at approximately 9:13 p.m., a Loyola College police officer responded to a call from a student at Southwell. The student informed the officer that while playing volleyball, he heard a woman screaming two words that he believed were “Stop!” and “Help!” After calling in backup units, the three officers searched the area and discovered that the surrounding wooded area was too thick to walk or even see through and found no leads. All units cleared at 9:57 p.m.

Friday, August 15

An officer was dispatched to the college bookstore at 2:15 p.m. to investigate a possible theft. Upon his arrival on the scene, an employee directed the officer's attention to the suspect. The suspect was a male, 5'10", wearing baggy shorts and a baseball cap and had reddish-blond shaggy hair. The suspect was exiting the building through the glass doors that led outside. He proceeded toward Millbrook Road towards a silver Camry, already running, with a male driver. The two sped off toward Coldspring Lane. The officer obtained the tag number of the vehicle and spoke with the bookstore employee about the suspects' behavior over the past few days. From August 13 to August 15, surveillance cameras showed the two men taking textbooks and putting them in a backpack, then leaving the store. The case is still under investigation.

Friday, August 8

On the above date, a grad student reported that her vehicle was parked unsupervised the night before in the Beatty Hall lot near Xavier Hall between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. while she attended class. After returning to her vehicle, she observed a 12-18 inch gouge in the paint finish from the driver's door to the retractable roof. The officer could not inspect the vehicle at the time since the student was calling from her residence. The student was provided with the incident number in case of further leads. No other services were necessary at the time.

-compiled by Laila Hanson

Controversial designation change is approved



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Loyola College is soon to become Loyola University, and certain campus structures should expect changes.

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"This is not a decision we made lightly," said Board Chairman H. Edward Hanway recently to Loyola public relations. "We've engaged in conversations on this matter for months with Loyola constituents. The research reports reinforced the feedback we received from other channels – that the designation change is the right choice for Loyola, not just at this point in its history but for years to come."

However, while the majority of individuals, particularly students, have become more and more receptive to the name change over the past few months, many Loyola College alumni remain strongly opposed to the Board's decision.

"I think the only reason we're just changing the name is in hope of keeping up with other great academic institutions," said alumna Meghan Biraer. "But we have the College of Holy Cross and Boston College which are both great schools without a designation change."

Many alumni argue that the change from "Loyola College" to "Loyola University Maryland" will actually make the institution less unique because of the other Loyolas across the country. Some say that buying into the franchise mentality and marketing strategy will cost Loyola its distinct brand and lessen the school's reputation as a close-knit and student-focused environment.

"The term college, to me means a liberal arts institution," said alumnus Michael Campitelli. "I think by switching the name to university, the small intimate feelings you get associated with that term goes away."

Yet, while the name may change, the values that Loyola's reputation is rooted in, what's important overall will remain the same, says Linanne.

"I hope that they realize that Loyola is still Loyola. It's the same experience and we're not turning our back on anything that is fundamentally important to the school. I hope that there would be some trust in my commitment to the school, my wanting to see

it improve. I'm looking concretely at where the situation for higher education is at the moment, where Loyola is and where we need to go. Because we cannot stay the same. If we stay the same, we fall back."

While the change is indeed an issue that has raised controversy out of fear of losing what Loyola College has become, it is important to note that other changes in the past are what allowed Loyola to grow into the institution it is today.

One of the most prominent aspects of Loyola College is, of course, the Sellinger School of Business and Management. In September of 2007, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Loyola's undergraduate program tied for second in Best Universities Masters (North) while *Business Week* named Loyola among the world's 20 largest providers of part-time graduate business education for full-time professionals. Thus, it is hard to believe that in the 60's, then president Fr. Sellinger (from whom the school derives its name) at first opposed the idea of incorporating a business school into Loyola and was at first focused more on making it a strong liberal arts college like rival Holy Cross.

However, recognizing the educational needs that business warranted in the location, Sellinger became open to change and soon strove to make Loyola a comprehensive university and eventually establish the now very distinguished business school despite some controversy.

Other changes in the past that have certainly added to Loyola's growth and success were the university's decision to become coeducational in 1971 and an increase in resources put into graduate programs under former President Fr. Ridley to make them more first-rate among competing institutions.

Thus, while the transformation of Loyola's name at the moment may seem irrational and unwelcome to some, in the near future, the Board and other members of the Loyola community think the designation change will be as successful and eventually as accepted as other adjustments in school's past.

One of the goals that the name change

is expected to catalyze is an increase in prospective undergraduate students from areas outside the Northeast, the region where currently the majority of Loyola students are from. The new designation should also play a role in recruiting students from outside the United States.

"Young people are bombarded with so much information when it comes to selecting a college, so we have very limited time to get our message across to students who aren't as familiar with us," said Linnane. "We need to address the fact that we aren't just a college, but we have a business school, a school of education, a speech language pathology program, all these great aspects of our school. That's a hook. But the relationship to the school remains – a smaller school, a sense of community – that's still Loyola University Maryland. The title won't take away from that."

Another goal of the name change is to give better credit to the graduate programs. Research indicated that a graduate degree from a "college" suggests that the program is not as strong but rather an afterthought at the school.

"I think it's important to indicate that we are really committed to the 40% of our students getting graduate degrees," notes Linnane.

After all, that's who the change is really for – the students.

"I like the decision for a name change because it puts us at a different tier," said Keith Masiulis, class of 2010. Amongst prospective students in the future, I think we'll be noticed more among schools like Boston College and Villanova, and we will be recognized as a higher level of education. I'm so excited for where this school is going, with the name change, with the new stadium – how can one not be excited for the future of LU?"

"It's about the students and what would be the most beneficial to you while you're here," said Linnane. "In terms of the reputation of the school, it's going to follow you for the rest of your life, and it's my job to make sure that that association is a beneficial one, even after you're gone."

'Dorms Like Palaces' attributed to new renovations

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"Dorms like palaces" is a phrase that most high school seniors keep a look out for when searching for potential arenas of higher education. Each year, the Princeton Review publishes a brick-heavy almanac of a number of colleges and universities (the number increases yearly) considered the "best." A variety of factors, including dorms, student/professor ratio and the strengths of various academic programs are examined in full detail and the school is given a rating based on the quality of these merits.

In addition to the printing in the book, the Princeton Review lists their college rankings on their website, princetonreview.com. This year, Loyola College won the acclaimed award for the best dorms in the country, that "dorms like palaces" category. Aside from the classroom, the dorm is where most students spend the majority of their time, so this ranking is a desirable one. What exactly did Loyola do to receive this award? Dependable students are one answer. The Princeton Review's rankings run on a basis of votes from students--completely. There's something that Loyola is doing to please its students. Maybe it is the implementation of new freshman dorms last year (now named Flannery O' Connor Hall)

and a senior residence hall this year, Rahner Village, converted from the old Gallagher condominium townhouses.

Rahner Village is definitely a change from the typical residence hall. Because of its location in the York Road area, Student Life made sure to take measures that would increase security. Luckily, Rahner is located in close proximity to the Loyola College Police Department.

Each Rahner Village unit has two floors, with a basement laundry area. In the past, Gallagher townhouses were easily broken into through the basement or sliding glass back doors. According to Sarah Mansfield, Associate Director of Housing Operations in Student Life, security will no longer be a major issue.

"There will be alarms equipped on the front doors, so students won't be able to prop them. Campus Police will be informed if this happens," says Mansfield. This will decrease the amount of break-ins dramatically--to non-existence. "The sliding glass doors in the back are now just regular doors; we have exceeded the code on fire safety, and the landscaping has been redone." The most effective part of the landscaping changes is the trimming down of the overgrown shrubbery. In the past, this opened doors for thieves and muggers to hide.

Unlike Flannery O' Connor Hall, the



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Rahner Village residence halls will have two floors with basement laundry facilities.

renovations for Rahner Village were done in-house; Loyola College employees completed the bulk of the work. The maintenance and facilities departments put in overtime to complete the project in time for move-in. The only outside help contracted was for landscaping.

"The area is completely different from [how it was in] the past," says Mansfield. "I think [students] can feel like [they're] more independent while still having safety and security."

Before the renovations, Rahner Village was a popular spot for off-campus housing.

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Students to “get out the vote” in historical election

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after asking Hollis whether SGA would be sponsoring a voter registration drive in the fall. Following some initial logistical meetings, the team of three sought to make their idea a reality.

“It was very important for me as a citizen and as a Jesuit priest to have voting made easy,” Dennis said.

Utilizing their summer stay on Loyola’s campus, Hollis and Kienle worked furiously, establishing the necessary foundations for Loyola’s voter drive. The duo spoke with the voter registration boards of the top 15 states from which students hail to acquire the essential information regarding registration in each state and submitting absentee ballots. In addition, the team contacted the Admissions Department to find the breakdown of Loyola students by state. As word of the voting initiative grew, more groups on campus became involved, including the International Awareness Association and the Center for Community Service and Justice, as well as a slew of administrators and faculty members.

“It’s a really unique thing,” said Hollis. “An initiative started by one or two kids metamorphosed to something that the entire school has a stake in.”

Logistically, any voter registration drive is difficult to put together. According to Kienle, voter registration regulations vary by state, and a majority of states have deadlines of October 4 or shortly after. Therefore, Hollis and Kienle are aiming to have the majority of registration forms mailed by September 30. However, Loyola’s voter drive is distinct because it is absentee-ballot-driven and not polling-place driven, which adds another element of challenge to the initiative.



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Voter turnout among today’s youth is expected to be high in the historical election between presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain.

“[We] tried to get a polling place on campus, but because there is a polling place within a mile, [we] couldn’t get one,” Dennis said.

Therefore, Loyola’s voting drive will focus solely on registering students and ensuring that all registered students can vote via absentee ballot. Even Maryland residents will most likely vote via absentee, otherwise the students would have to return to their home polling venue on election day – a problematic circumstance. “It is definitely a bit more challenging than just getting a polling place,” Kienle acknowledged.

To facilitate voter registration, tables will

be placed outside Boulder Garden Café between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. every Tuesday through Thursday and Primo’s between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

With such a large-scale operation to run, the cost of the voting initiative keeps piling up: envelopes, stamps, t-shirts, events, scanners and Xerox machines need to be bought or borrowed to achieve success. Dennis noted that the voting initiative is “more complicated than having just a lot of enthusiastic people.”

“You’re always going to have challenges when working with an all-volunteer staff and students who sometimes confuse priorities,”

said Dennis. “But,” he continued, “we have a team of very responsible people and everywhere we’ve turned on campus, everybody’s been very enthusiastic and very cooperative.”

The team also enlisted some outside help for their initiative in the form of Michael Raia, the deputy press secretary for Maryland’s Lieutenant Governor, Anthony Brown. Raia, who ran his own voter registration drive as a student at Providence College during the 2004 presidential election, directed Hollis, Kienle and Dennis toward Rock the Vote during a planning meeting held in June.

Although not affiliated with Loyola’s voting initiative in any official capacity, Raia suggested the team use products and images sponsored by Rock the Vote, the 18-year-old organization which uses artistic expression and popular culture to increase youth activism in the U.S. political process. Hollis, Kienle and Dennis met with Rock the Vote affiliates in July.

Said Dennis, “Mike Raia gave us a lot of do’s and don’t’s and pointed us in the right direction.”

Using Raia’s 2004 drive at Providence as a model, Hollis and Kienle worked to plan special events to highlight Loyola’s voter registration drive. Local band Jahworks, a crowd favorite at last year’s Loyolapalooza, was recruited for a free concert on the Quad on September 12. Voter registration tables will be set up, and student volunteers will be on the scene to help register fellow classmates.

Said Kienle, “If people don’t register, it definitely won’t be because they didn’t know they had an opportunity to.”

When the registration aspect of the drive

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Campus improves paths over summer break



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Starting in May and wrapping up in mid-August, Loyola College implemented a summer-long renovation on the walkways across campus. Replacing each individual brick with any aesthetic error, the contracting team worked to improve most of Loyola’s paths and stairway entrances, including a new set of stairs in front of Hopkins Court. In addition to the pathways, a second Salsa Rico franchise has been constructed within Primos, allowing for increased access to the favorite dining venue.

Rahner Village boasts heightened safety features

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Last year, due to security measures, students were not permitted to live there. Fortunately, Loyola was able to purchase the Gallagher Condominiums, and this year will be the first time that students will reside in them as a part of general residence halls.

With the renovations come some benefits: fashioned after the Lange Court townhouses, those in Rahner Village have multiple levels and features not included in some of the other residence halls.

"Rahner Village residence halls provide residents with 2 floors and a basement," says Scott Mix, a Resident Assistant in the area. "The basement is mostly closed off with the exception of the laundry room which includes one washer and one dryer. Students pay for the laundry at the beginning of the semester and then they can use the washer/dryer as they please throughout the year. Most units come with 1 1/2 baths; however some include 2 1/2 baths. Some units have very large walk-in closets. Most of the furniture is brand new. Each unit has four residents."

As another increased measure of security, students will use a Rahner-specific swipe card to gain entry to their unit—something new compared to other residence halls. "Residents will use a new swipe card that they will be administered when they arrive to campus," says Mix. "The new swipe will work just like their old swipe (evergreen/meal/etc.), but it also has a microchip that will allow them into their room when they place it up against the monitor by their front door. Each unit also has a back door with a normal key lock."

Mix believes that students in Rahner will feel more connected to the campus as opposed to residents living there previously when it was still Gallagher. "I feel that because of the increased student population in the [Rahner Village] area and the presence of student life, students will most certainly feel more connected to the campus than years past," says Mix. "With programming being done in that area, we hope to connect the new residence halls to the rest of campus. The area also has more of a community feel to it than Campion or Newman or Charleston does."

Overall, Loyola College has done a lot to earn that coveted "dorms like palaces"



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Security measures, such as replacing the sliding glass back doors with regular wooden doors, have been implemented.

spot on the Princeton Review. "After this year I feel that Rahner Village will become the most desired housing on campus," says Mix. "Student Life puts a great deal of work into achieving a high standard of living for students on Loyola College's campus and it deserves the recognition [by Princeton Review that] it is getting. Many schools can't provide housing to students their senior year, and yet we are able to. Many schools can't provide the resources, whether it be programming or quality of trained staff members, to residents that Loyola College can. The residence halls here on Loyola College's campus are amazing compared to many schools my friends go to, even when compared to Ivy League schools."

Hopefully, Loyola College will continue to hold onto its Princeton Review crown for many years.

Initiative to encourage voter turnout and advocacy

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is over, Hollis and Kienle will shift their attention to increasing voter awareness. They plan to have handouts referring to where the presidential candidates stand on major issues, and a student-run debate is in the works for October 14.

The debate, which should feature members of Loyola's Democrat and Republican clubs, will provide a forum for the campus community to debate key issues, and the audience will be given a turn to ask questions.

"We really want students to be aware of the big issues and how they affect us," Kienle said.

However, with an eye toward increasing voter awareness comes the concern that any such issue awareness could become partisan in nature. Since Loyola's voting initiative is affiliated with Rock the Vote, the initiative's focus must remain non-partisan. This is a sentiment echoed by Hollis, Kienle and Dennis.

"This is a completely non-partisan drive," said Kienle. "Our issue is to encourage democracy in general, not push for Obama or push for McCain."

Other partisan groups on campus will more than likely come to light throughout the course of the election season, but Dennis noted that "[our] group has to be non-partisan." Hollis made it a point to say that "we don't want anything partisan, it's strictly getting students and anyone involved at Loyola registered to vote."

With all the machinery seemingly perfectly in place, one could only wonder whether such an initiative on Loyola's campus would succeed or not.

According to Dennis, "We have a one-month window to get new voters registered, and with everything else that occurs on campus, it'll be a challenge to get people to notice and tune in."

Loyola sophomore William Smith commented, saying that "if someone didn't register to vote before college, what voters do you think you're going to get?" He continued, "It's a good thing, I just don't know how many informed voters you would get."

Justin White, a senior at Loyola, takes a

different view. "I think it's a phenomenal thing," said White. "We have a certain right to vote — it's our duty."

White went on to say, "Students are just overwhelmed by it [voting]. If people can connect with the students, then I think they will turn out in mass numbers."

Raia shares a similar view. Having experience from his drive at Providence, Raia noted, "Students normally don't care when teachers or administrators tell them to vote, but when you get peers involved and you use the reference they [students] use and the way they talk and their language, that's when they start to care."

Research from recent years would tend to agree.

According to CIRCLE, a non-partisan research group which studies youth civic engagement, youth voting increased by 11 percentage points during the 2004 presidential race. During this year's primary season alone, a record 6.5 million Americans under the age of 30 participated.

Despite any misgivings, the team is optimistic. "We think we can really hit our goal and move way beyond," said Dennis. "I think because of the unique nature of this election, I think more people will come out to vote."

"[It's] good to see that this country's future is getting active now," Kienle remarked. "Loyola doesn't just want to sit back," she continued.

Apparently, Loyola won't have to sit back. With a dedicated team of students at the helm and a campus-wide coalition of departments, clubs and organizations — not to mention a core group of student volunteers — it appears that Loyola's voting initiative is poised for a big impact.

Hollis, Kienle and Dennis point out the empowerment which accompanies uniting anyone for a common goal, and pushing students to not only register but to vote as well illustrates that empowerment.

Said Kienle, "I want people to look at my age group and feel confident and proud that we'll be the ones leading this country in the future; getting out the vote demonstrates that we're all driven, responsible and ready to do big things."

Performances expected to draw large student crowd

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The past comedians include Nick Swardson in 2007, Jim Gaffigan in 2006, and Dane Cook in 2005.

Lupe Fiasco is another recent face in popular culture who will soon leave his mark on Rietz Arena.

"This is something different and something people have been asking for," said Alex Hollis, president of the student body. "Ever since I've been here people have been asking 'Why can't we get a hip hop artist or somebody who is currently mainstream and popular?' We are really excited that we were able to accomplish that. It's something that a lot of people will enjoy rather than just a few different groups."

In the most recent years, Loyola has headlined performers whose popularity peaked years before, such as Hootie and the Blowfish, All American Rejects and Third Eye Blind.

Born Wasalu Muhammad Jaco, Fiasco gained admiration and fame from his first album, *Food and Liquor* in 2006. The album

went on to earn four grammy nominations as well as the award for Best Urban/ Alternative Performance for "Daydreaming," with fellow music artist Jill Scott. Fiasco released his second album, *The Cool* in December of 2007.

"One of the things I enjoy about him is that everything he says has a purpose," said Omani Guy, Vice President for Policy and fan of Fiasco. "He has a message in everything he says."

As a native of the west side of Chicago, much of Fiasco's music revolves around overcoming the obstacles of drugs and oppression through music. Originally disturbed by the vulgar lyrics of the hip hop music is father listened to as a child, Fiasco gained inspiration to pursue the art at 14 when he heard Nas' 1996 album, *It Was Written*.

"I saw him in concert this past summer," said Mick Samaroo, '11. "He brings a lot of energy to the stage and has a great ability to pump up the crowd. He's also one of the few mainstream artists that I feel really has something meaningful to say in his songs."



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John Oliver has gained popularity recently through his appearances on *The Daily Show*.

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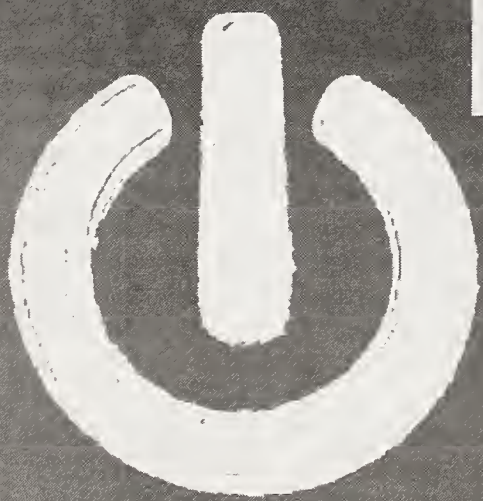
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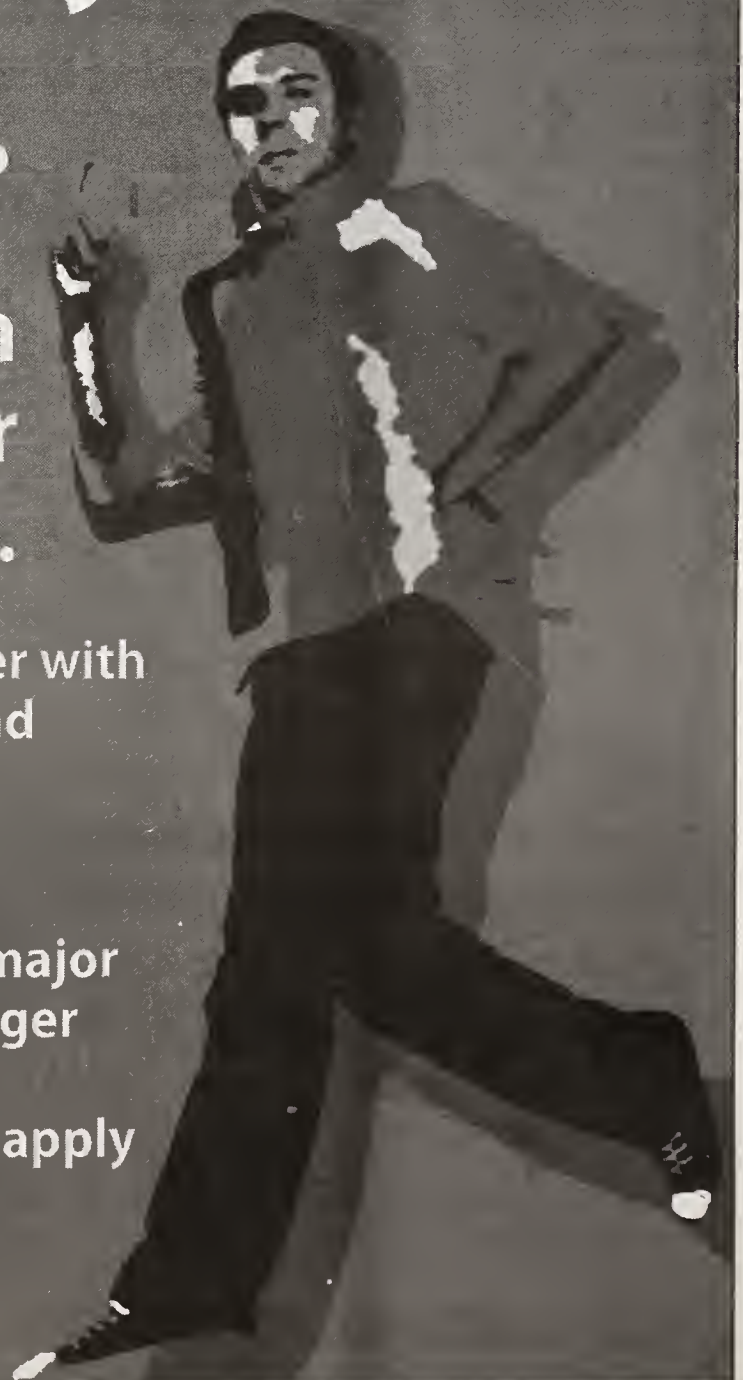


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— THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL — In reality, everything is about respect

The 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing reached their conclusion two Sundays past, and still the feats of the legendary Michael Phelps remain on the minds of all who watched his historic swimming performances. And who could blame anyone for still remembering? The man won eight gold medals, enabling him to add to his lifetime medal count and allowing him to claim, indisputably, the title of greatest Olympian of all time. Phelps' victories — his actions — not only won him gold, but the admiration and respect of other athletes in other countries.

So what can the United States learn from Michael Phelps?

If anything, Phelps' successes illustrate for the United States that stature and respect are attributes earned, not given. Drive, determination, dedication and an understanding of others are necessary in order to engender the respect of others and thrive in any community. The same applies to the United States.

Heading into a presidential election, America needs to re-evaluate what role it wishes to assume in the world. Can this country continue to operate according to its own agenda without empathizing with the plights of other nations? Should America be allowed to use its status as a successful country to impose its will regardless of other consequences? As a leading nation in the world — and, arguably, the leading nation in the world — what tasks and challenges should the United States spend focus on, and in what way should that focus take shape?

To wrongfully or arrogantly assume that America occupies a special place in the world simply because of its existence is narrow-minded and shortsighted. To further assume that America shares nothing in common with the world's other nations is as narrow-minded. The United States is a great country with a wealth of opportunities and a great deal of power. We should exercise such power, but that power should be channeled in ways which can better the welfare of the world, thereby improving the status of the United States.

Greatness is expected from any powerful entity. But with that greatness comes a sense of duty and responsibility. America is not alone in this world. The United States can speak to certain views and certain groups and different peoples all it wants. But to truly go for gold, America will have to act in such a way that engenders the admiration and respect of other countries as well.

■ Gold Medal performances



Letter to the editor: Why I love attending Loyola

I just recently returned from a year in Leuven, Belgium, where I had the time of my life. I was able to learn so much about another culture, while studying, traveling and living in a house full of international students. However, I know that my experience would not have been the same without the help of Loyola and its staff. While abroad, our group had an excellent economics professor with us by the name of Dr. John Burger. He and his wife Molly became our second parents, and their cozy medieval home around the corner became our home away from home. They cooked dinners for us on several occasions and even opened their house to occasional unannounced visits. They also hosted two wine and cheese parties for all the residents of the Loyola International Nachbahr Huis, which were occasions for students to mingle and get to know one another.

In addition to the many delicious meals that they provided us, they were also our tour guides for several trips, including an eight-day trip

to Paris and northern France, weekend trips to Amsterdam, Brugges, Ghent, Aachen, Monschau and a ten-day trip to Italy. They graciously escorted us from one amazing museum to the next, took us out for meals and provided us with other exciting cultural opportunities. Dr. Burger held weekly culture classes in the house common room, where he taught us basic microeconomics and European economic issues. Dr. Burger functioned as our parent, friend and professor while abroad. How he managed to juggle all of these responsibilities is beyond me. He did it extraordinarily well, and our group is incredibly grateful for this.

The Leuven group was lucky to have Dr. Andre Colombat make a visit to Belgium during the month of May. While there, he conducted interviews with all of us in order to discuss the program in depth. During the interviews, each of us was able to explain our experiences and offer ideas for the future. Following interviews, we were taken out for a gourmet meal at a local Spanish restaurant,

where discussion continued. I was thoroughly impressed with the fact that we received so much attention from the school even while abroad.

For the past three years, Loyola has provided me with an excellent education which has exceeded my expectations, and I know that this will continue into my fourth year. I have been able to develop personal relationships with professors here, and meeting with all of them has always been easy. The professors will never hesitate to provide extra help outside of the classroom, even if it means staying on campus later. In addition, the lessons are engaging; in-depth conversations are never scarce on this campus. Being a Loyola student is always an intellectually satisfying experience, and what is truly amazing to me is that this can even be experienced in another country.

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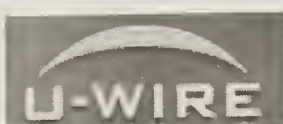
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The Popular Vote: For now, Democrats 'Biden' their time

The names Clinton, Richardson, Dodd, Edwards, Gore and many others were thrown around for a while as the vice-presidential pick for Senator Barack Obama. That was until one fateful day in Springfield, Illinois, when Barack Obama and Joe Biden stepped onto the stage together and announced that they would indeed be running mates.

MICHAEL ROBERTS

If you listen to some like Sean Hannity, he will tell you that Joe Biden is the third most liberal senator in America (which he, of course, believes is a problem). If you listen to Barack Obama, he will tell you that Joe Biden is just another hard-working guy who made it coming out of Scranton, Pennsylvania (although that statement can be seen as just a ploy to win over another battleground state). So the real question is, "Who is Joe Biden and what has he done for the country?"

Let's start with the good: Although it wasn't as large a military operation as Iraq and Afghanistan today, the intervention of American troops in Kosovo and the ending of genocide in that region is a very important event in American politics and one Joe Biden can happily point to on his resume. The military intervention can be somewhat attributed to Biden's persuading President Bill Clinton to intervene (something which no doubt will be mentioned at some time during this election). This one event really shows people just how well Biden's foreign policy judgment is and acts as something that Biden can point to and say he was right about (in stark contrast to his strong initial support of the Iraq War).

He has served on the Judiciary and Foreign Relations since he came into the Sen-

ate in 1973. This means that any experience in foreign relations that John McCain has, Joe Biden may very well have the same. If Barack Obama was looking for someone well-versed in foreign policy, he found the right guy. This also makes the VP pick for McCain much harder since he will need someone who can come close to matching all the experiences that Joe Biden has – so that they don't look like a fool opposite Biden in the vice-presidential debates.

The bad for Joe Biden starts with his big mouth and tendency to make really terrible campaign errors.

When running for office in 1987, he plagiarized a speech by the then leader of the British Labor Party, an error that led to his dropping out of that race altogether. This is just a complete lack of good judgment. He must have known that he was plagiarizing the speech considering how incredibly close the two speeches were, but he decided to take the easy way out, something we don't want from a commander-in-chief or the vice president.

Then came the quote by Joe Biden during this presidential race in which he said of Barack Obama, "I mean, you got the first mainstream African-American who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy, I mean, that's a storybook, man." It doesn't take much to understand how offensive a sentence that is. I know that Republicans can't wait to run ads that include this quote and many other slip up quotes from Joe Biden.

Then there is the problem of continuity errors in the message of Obama and the message Biden gives off.

Biden was pro-war from the beginning while Obama was the exact opposite. Obama is all about change while Biden has been in the Senate since 1973. Obama has been running attacks ads for months on

John McCain while Biden has said that he would love to run with or against McCain because he thinks it would be great for the country.

Despite all his downfalls, though, when watching the Democratic primaries it was easy to see that he understood the big issue of Iraq more than anyone else in the room. When asked about Iraq, all the other presidential hopefuls at the time were concerned about withdrawal dates. When the question finally came to Biden he made it clear that he understood the situation is not as simple as the other candidates made it out to be. Biden took the time to explain all of the different ethnic conflicts in the area and how the situation is much more complicated than withdrawal dates, insurgencies and surges. In the area of foreign policy, Biden is the very definition of "powerhouse."

The real questions are going to be answered in November when it comes down to votes:

Will Joe Biden be able to convince people that he is indeed the blue-collar guy that he is trying to paint himself as?

Will he be able to balance Barack Obama's own inexperience with his vast foreign policy repertoire?

Will he be able to avoid the missteps that have sunk his own two presidential campaigns?

And will he be able to capture the popular vote (or rather the electoral vote...)?

Or will the Democrats be stuck "Biden" their time for another four years?

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State of the Race: An election analysis with eight weeks left

Despite all that's happened the past few weeks, the state of the presidential race remains more or less where we were before the vice presidential picks were announced (as I write this, McCain has not yet chosen his VP). Both candidates are essentially tied.

RICHARD FOGAL

That both men are tied is the result of a very successful series of negative attack ads by the McCain campaign. To their credit, the Republicans have remained remarkably disciplined and on-message, recycling verbatim the methods of attack they used against John Kerry in 2004 – that is, ignoring policy debates when they do not benefit them and opting to raise doubts about the other candidate's character. It's a strategy that, warts and all, works.

Many Democrats are worried; they have failed to effectively tie McCain to the foreign policy and economic policy failures of the Bush years, during which McCain supported President Bush 95% of the time. They have failed to raise the implications that a McCain term would have on Supreme Court nominees, on foreign policy, on the draft and on the economy. They have let McCain's disappointing abuse of his POW status during Vietnam as a retort to every policy criticism – no matter how unrelated – go unchecked. Most importantly, they have failed to frame the election in terms of being a referendum on Republican rule, not raising frequently enough the question of why, after eight years of abject failure, the GOP deserves four more years at governing the Executive Branch.

One issue, at least, should not be cause for much concern. The vast majority of

Hillary Clinton's supporters, save maybe 10%, are onboard with the Democratic ticket. Those that are not yet onboard will never be. Their real motivation is no longer based upon believing in Hillary; rather, they are the very voters who, in West Virginia and elsewhere, said that "race was an issue" in their vote during the primaries. Moreover, what will be seen, I believe, is that McCain, after picking a running mate, will suffer a small (2-3 percent) drop in internal support among his party.

So what do the Democrats need to do? Electorally speaking, this election is close, but not impossible, for either candidate. All Obama needs to do is hold on to all of the states that Kerry won in 2004 and add Iowa, New Mexico and Colorado (this yields 273 electoral votes, three more than required to win). This is well within reach: he holds statistically significant leads in Iowa and New Mexico as of August 24 and is statistically tied in Colorado.

The importance of the Mountain West – Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, Montana and North Dakota – cannot be overstated. People in this region are very fed up with the Republican rule of the past eight years. Ideologically, they are a libertarian blend of elements from both liberalism and conservatism that was long ago confined to the political 'desert' (pun intended) when the GOP decided it did not need them to win and did not want them to help govern. They are willing to give the Democrats a chance; all they want is some good, old-fashioned courtship. Obama needs to make sure that his buddy, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, makes the case for him, especially to Latinos, who are a significant minority out West.

Secondly, he cannot forget about the Rust Belt: Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana

and Michigan. Here is where he must deploy Joe Biden – who commutes to DC from Delaware by train and who is one of a handful of people in Congress that is not a millionaire – to make his case to these folks. A lot of these people are willing to vote for Obama but need some reassurance that he'll have their concerns in mind. Biden can do this by emphasizing his own roots and tying McCain to Bush's economic policies. Obama can win Ohio and Indiana; it will be tough, but it's not out of reach. A populist, economic message tied with blistering criticism of Bush and McCain on economics will go a long way toward winning these folks over. Biden's presence alone will be invaluable in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Third and most importantly, both Obama and Biden need to start throwing some punches. This election should be a very simple one: if you feel that the past eight years were more or less okay, then vote for McCain; if not, then vote for Obama/Biden. The more contrasts they draw – particularly on economics, where McCain is weakest – the better. For once, the Democrats need to behave like Republicans and start attacking and defining their opponent on their own terms.

In sum, the state of the race for the week of September 1 is as follows: A wildly successful August for McCain has leveled the playing field, while inaction by the Democrats has allowed that same leveling-out. Right now I'd say the odds are 60-40 percent in favor of McCain.

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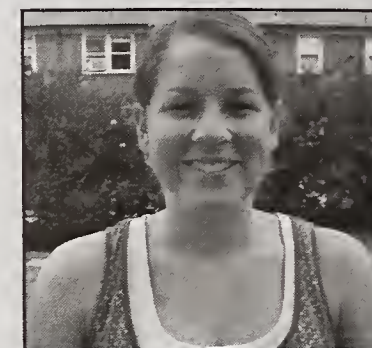
On The Quad

What did you miss most about Loyola this summer?

By Jesse DeFlorio



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"All of my friends."
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Tim Halligan, '11
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"Nothing. I've been here all summer."
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Do you want to be in
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Politicize This: College students say the darndest things, get over it

At one point in my life, I learned of a quote by a certain author who argued that people under the age of 25 shouldn't write. Anyone younger than 25 hasn't experienced enough, learned enough, thought enough or succeeded enough to be able to leave an indelible, written mark upon the

ANDREW ZALESKI

world's pages. "Kids" don't have anything of value to add to this world's ongoing discourse.

I was pissed.

To assume that my opinion suddenly invalidated itself merely because of my age annoyed me. It was an egomaniacal statement to the umpteenth degree – of course anyone older than 25 is going to tell all us "kids" to keep quiet. The additional fact that said author would attempt to rationalize the argument by claiming general youth naiveté on the basis of experience, or education, or success only served to annoy me more.

I wish he were reading this now.

America is in the midst of a presidential election year and, with any major election, the usual stereotypes describing college students crop up right on cue. "Kids" are lazy, disinterested, stupid, misguided, misinformed and utterly incapable of making important, national decisions; you'd think we were born with zero brain cells. Oh, and we're "still in school." I suppose that means you subvert the democratic process and ensure that none of us can cast a vote this November or have a voice this election season. Who wants an entire bloc of brainwashed college-goers voting in favor of alternative forms of energy anyway?

The problem, as I see it, is that college students aren't given enough respect for the ability they have to organize, mobilize and cause big things to happen at big places. Twice this summer – one time at a student leadership conference in Seattle, one time right here at Loyola – I have been blown away by an incredible, infectious, positive energy generated by hundreds of "kids" who all serve and empower their respective college communities in a multiplicity of ways. I have met student-body presidents from California, resident assistants from Washington, program directors from New York and service coordinators from Maryland. And guess what? Every last one of them has a voice.

Some of those "kids" have experienced the identity-defeating pangs of racism and know that such intolerance must change.

They have a voice.

Some of those "kids" have learned exactly how to connect with the vast array of student groups on their own college campuses and recognize that the greatest good for all comes when we realize the connectedness among each other.

They have a voice.

Some of those "kids" have thought tirelessly about their respective places in this confusing and hypocritical world and understand that to accomplish true growth, one must not shy away from the uncomfortable or the unknown.

They have a voice.

Still other "kids" succeed daily to ensure that the inner workings of their college campuses and student communities operate smoothly and remain free from disruption, all the while undergoing a revelation which disconnects the notion of success from the frivolous vanity of money.

Those "kids?" Yeah, they have a voice.

In this election year, it becomes the premier responsibility of every college stu-

dent in America – every "kid" – to remove themselves from the sidelines of this nation's political discourse and express the voices which we have been given.

We are the standard-bearers of a profound and earth-shaking instrument: will-power. We are aware of the stockpile of local, national and global problems which burden our families and plague our cities and towns, and we're not afraid to take them on. We are aware of the issues of poverty, homelessness, diminishing resources, greed and theft, and we're not afraid to take them on. We are aware of our own ability to organize, mobilize and do big things for a great country.

So let's do just that.

At this crucial time, it becomes the universal responsibility of all college students to silence the critics and disprove the statistics. Show people that we're not lazy. Show people that we're not apathetic. Demonstrate to others that we're willing to make the sacrifices necessary to bring about tough solutions to real problems. Who will have to live with the choices of today some 20 years from now? We will. Why stay silent?

In thinking about these questions, I'm reminded of the show *Kids Say The Darndest Things*, where Bill Cosby would play host to a group of kids between the ages of three and eight and ask them cute questions. More often than not, the kid providing the response would manage to pull off the gold medal of responses, one eloquently worded and witty in nature. The kids could never really explain their own answers, but the insight that permeated throughout the response of some of those kids could leave the greatest philosophers befuddled.

And to think a "kid" could do all that.

If college students want a country which takes into consideration our goals, our dreams, our concerns and our insights, we have to take action. Far too often I have heard from friends that voting makes no difference. "Why vote?" they ask. "What's the point in voting if nothing could ever change for us?" That self-defeating attitude serves as the very roadblock holding us back, keeping us at bay. That self-defeating attitude is that author and his stupid quote. Let's not be self-defeating.

America, we're here, and we're loud.

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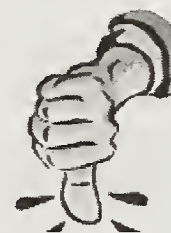
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Syllabus Week

Oh boy! It's that special time of year again, a time when students and faculty gather together to review four-page, stapled documents detailing how many times this semester young scholars will cry. Cheer up, though; syllabus week affords an opportunity to gaze fondly at that cute junior girl who decided to take your class. You know, the one who sits two rows up, three chairs to the right and immediately in front of the professor's podium. It's not stalking. Really – it's not.

Gallagher Dorms

For all you lucky seniors living way, way over on the Far East Side of campus, congratulations on your brand-spanking new dorms. With your huge common rooms, spacious kitchens, roomy bedrooms, basement levels complete with washing machines and drying machines, front stoops and corporation-like front door scan cards, you'll practically never have to leave that side of campus. Except, of course, when it's time to go to class. But still, Maryland Hall is right there. Wait...

Election Season

Hooray for the 2008 presidential elections! Now is the time to really share our voices as young people. There are debates to watch, people to debate, rallies to attend, voices to be heard, views to share – the list goes on and on. Sort of like election season; it goes on. And on. And on. And on.



Buying Books

As if college students aren't poor enough, the big bad book seller has to come along and take more of our money. Then there's that magical time in your first class of the semester when you discover that you didn't need that 200-dollar, 500-page tome discussing Greek tragedy. Why buy the book when you can act it out? You already rehearsed when you left the book store nearly being crushed under the weight of a superfluous page count.

Move-In Day

Nothing like ascending and descending nine flights of stairs for five hours straight to really make you swear off the FAC like it were the Devil. If you managed to survive the untied shoes, the cardboard boxes, the disgruntled fellow movers and the dislocated shoulder, you still have a room full of stuff that needs unpacking. "Mom, I'm tired – can we go home yet?"

Election Season

Hooray for the 2008 presidential elections! Now is the time to really share our voices as young people. There are debates to watch, people to verbally abuse, rallies to disrupt, voices to be shot down, views to impose, Republicans to hate, Democrats to make fun of, problems to blow out of proportion, solutions to not discover, priorities to attack, attack ads to be made, biased cable news stations to watch over. And over. And over...

Stop the 'whining,' no recession here

BY PAUL BOWERS
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

In an economics class Friday, we were discussing the factors that affect oil prices. On the projector screen, the professor showed a political cartoon in which a man presses a gas pump nozzle against his own temple, eyes bulged as he presumably contemplates suicide.

It was an absurd display of melodrama, and yet it wasn't far from the conversations we so frequently have. Just try bringing up gas prices or the economic downturn in a group setting — you will usually be bombarded by a sequence of war stories and sympathetic nods.

To hear my classmates talk, any uninformed foreigner would assume that this country has really fallen on hard times. After all, we're in a recession, aren't we? But really, how rough do we have it?

Think back on the past week:

How many luxuries have you been forced to pass up?

Did you switch to the store-brand cereal?

Ride a bike instead of a car?

Heaven forbid.

The fact of the matter is that the majority of us, as college students with reasonable housing and the certainty of food every day, are still living more comfortably than the majority of our worldwide neighbors.

This is not to say that recession is not a legitimate problem in need of solutions. Nor do I mean that it does not seriously hurt certain groups.

Folks in the lowest tax brackets are struggling more than ever to meet the simplest needs, and workers in industries such

as trucking and air travel are feeling a legitimate petroleum pinch. Exporting companies overseas are feeling the shock waves in a big way.

But for the rest of us, this whole recession (if that's even what it is) is less than devastating. As good as we've got it, we whine like it's our night job.

Do not be fooled: What we are experiencing is no Great Depression. And even if that's what it becomes, we are going into this with entirely the wrong attitude.

Rather than mobilizing charities and opening our homes for the people who are really affected by recession, we hold our hands out for magic bullet stimulus checks. Instead of investing and borrowing more cautiously, we demand that Uncle Sam help us out when we dig ourselves into a mortgage hole.

Few of us were around for the 1930s, but I am certain this is not how the American people handled things.

What ever happened to noble stoicism?

What happened to communities banding together?

Perhaps we see our great-grandparents through rose-colored lenses, but certainly we have lost track of some great values.

We must be more careful than ever with our words. While we are only students, our conversations constitute that elusive thing we call "public opinion." If we are going to complain, we should first consider the severity of our plight realistically. If we are going to talk, we must talk of personal action and practical solutions.

Let's just not have a pity party.

Legal drinking age should be lowered

BY THE EDITORIAL BOARD
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Underage students who want to get their drink on without breaking the law now have some unlikely allies.

Last week, more than 120 presidents and chancellors from colleges and universities across the country called for lawmakers to consider lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18.

This would entail either a drastic reform or repeal of the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984, which denies a state 10 percent of its federal highway funding if it sets its drinking age lower than 21.

The movement to change the drinking age, known as the Amethyst Initiative, calls to light the culture of binge-drinking that forms off campus. Many of us have seen this for ourselves, or at least seen the effects.

This is a surprisingly savvy move that displays an honest understanding of the world we, as college students, live in. Students are taught abstinence as the only option when it comes to alcohol, until they turn 21, which is perilously ignorant to the reality of the situation.

We all know it takes little to no effort these days to obtain alcohol when you're underage, whether it's having an adult make the purchase, sporting a fake ID or finding that jackpot bar or gas station that doesn't card.

Under the current state of the law, twenty-first birthdays are celebrated by a lot of college students with reckless abandon. A study by researchers at the University of Missouri this year found that 24 percent of women and 34 percent of men complete the "21 for 21" challenge by consuming 21 drinks

or more on their twenty-first birthdays. The maximum number of drinks among women was about 30, and the maximum for men was a staggering 50.

You could argue that 18 is a safer age for numerological reasons — matching 18 drinks and 18 years is, theoretically, less risky. But more than anything, the study suggests that, by age 21, people generally aren't any more responsible when drinking than their underage counterparts.

It's great that important people are recognizing the problem and leading the way for change. However, we think more debate is needed about whether 18 is actually the right age to switch to.

College towns are veritable Willy Wonka wonderlands for drinking, and coupling that with a student's first foray at a university is a recipe for a bombed first semester. Not to mention the radical change it would introduce to our high schools. Currently alcohol is not as easy to come by in high school, but if seniors can buy and distribute at 18, it suddenly becomes a local problem, not just one for the universities.

People will always abuse alcohol — that's never going to change. But this initiative is a good step toward identifying and minimizing the problem. Personal experience is the only way most people learn their own limits and the dangers of binge-drinking, and the earlier people learn, the better.

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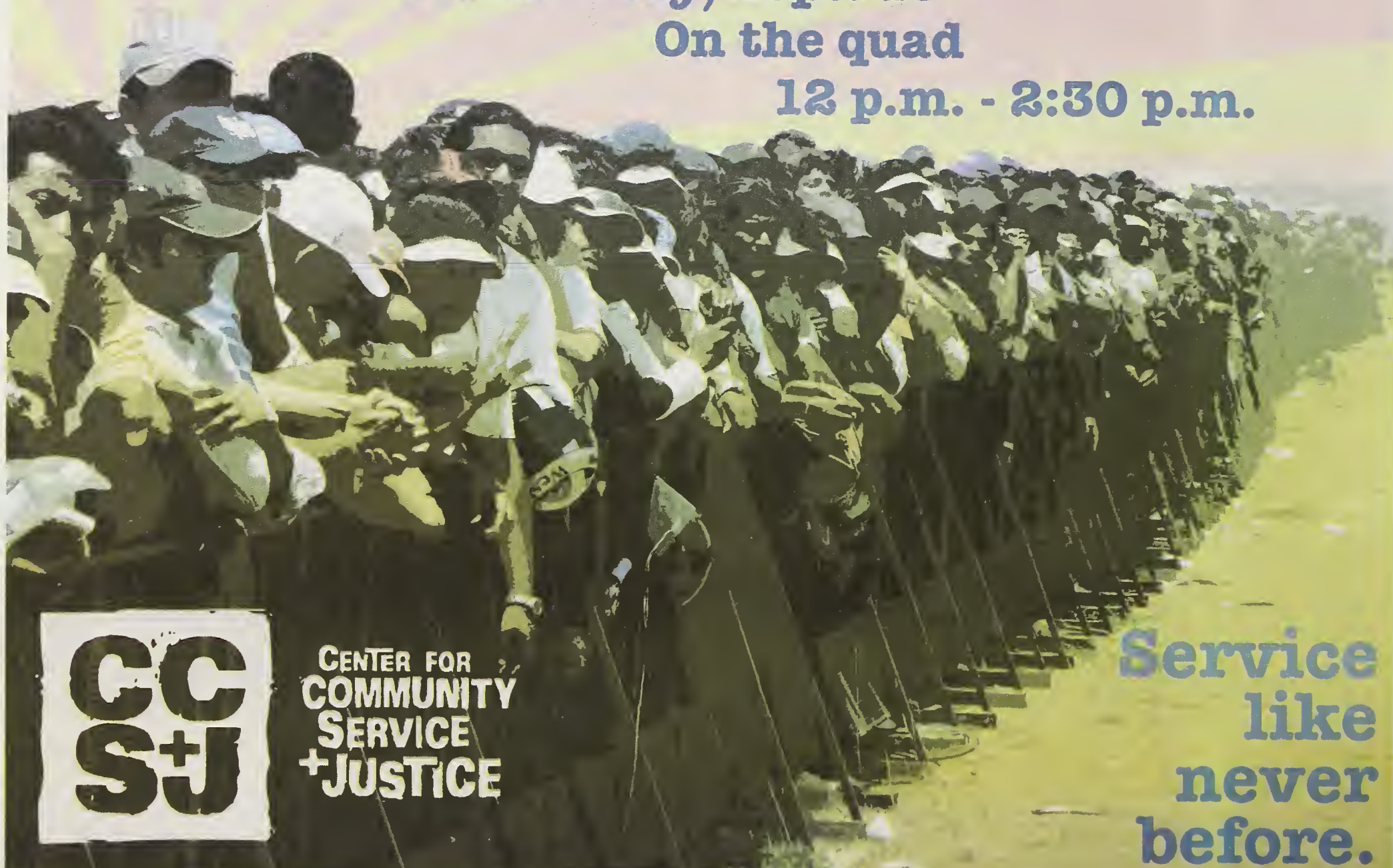
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Fools and Horses gear up for the release of their latest LP

BY LAILA HANSON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On a windy Friday night, a small bar in the middle of Nowhere, Maryland, has a packed floor with a mingling crowd, seemingly waiting on edge for the back room to open, but really, they're just having fun with a few friends and drinks—that area is a bonus. The security officer for the meeting room, as the place calls the space with a small stage a few tables strewn around, is about to let the people in for a few dollars and some enthusiasm.

Last Friday at Fish Head Cantina, located in the sleepy Baltimore suburb of Arbutus, Maryland, local favorites Fools & Horses headlined the stage in what they hope will be the start of a regular touring schedule.

"We're trying to expand the fan base right now," says Matt Hutchinson, lead singer of the band. "The state of the music industry right now sucks, but we're still trying to find a label. We're trying to get out on the road with national acts by this time next year."

Fools & Horses is currently prepping for the Sept. 13 release of their latest album, *I Am The Ghost*. The first major follow-up to their 2006 release, *Pop Filter*, the album blends the varying styles of the members of Fools & Horses into a more cohesive entity.

"We used the same kind of technique as before in [the recording process] but [our new producer] was able to convince us that we have a lot of varying styles," says Hutchinson. "He was best able to make it more cohesive, just with a different mindset. [We're all] on different ends of the spectrum, and he was able to center it more."

For the most part, Fools & Horses aim towards a softer, more pop-oriented sound. This trend continues with *I Am The Ghost*, but lyrically, the songs center around a key theme—the ideas stemming from the title

track.

"'I Am The Ghost' was such a standout track to us, [which is why we named the album that.] It's such a different song, it was lingering over our heads, so I think the words and the themes kind of stuck with us,

songs, the track obviously hits a personal note or two with Hutchinson. The rest of the album tends to follow suit, even though the tempo picks up for other songs.

Initially, the idea of a theme was not the intention for the album. "On the finishing [of

Am The Ghost was that the addition of their guitarist and backup vocalist, Steve Herrera, gave them a springboard of creative flow.

"When we got Steve [in 2006], it was a cleansing period," says Hutchinson. "We kept the good stuff [we had going on] and shed out the bad. We kind of focused our energies. Our success was okay, it was getting out there on a local scale, but [when we got Steve] it was the last crack in the floodgate."

Since then, the band has not only continued to build on their local following, but they have wandered up and down the coast on tours, opening for big name bands like Bon Jovi, The Gin Blossoms and Presidents Of The United States. Despite all this, though, the band remains close to their roots—being regulars at the Recher Theatre in Towson.

"We try to play the Recher at least twice a year," says Hutchinson. "I personally like smaller places. I'm growing on the Recher Theatre, [DC's] 8X10 [club]. I like the energy in a small room, when it's packed, there's something to be said for a filled room of your fans. The Recher's pretty large, we're clearly trying, [to increase the fanbase], but the smaller places is what we find [ourselves] coming back to the most."

This fall, Fools & Horses' touring roster includes dates at various colleges as well as spots in bars and clubs in Virginia, Delaware and DC. After playing the coveted Summerfest in Milwaukee this summer, Fools & Horses earned a spot in September's Dewey Beach Music Conference, which showcases an array of local bands along the east coast.

Fools & Horses is not shy to Loyola soil, either. In 2006, they opened for Loyolapalooza with Afroman. Hopefully, they'll be able to make another appearance in the area. Make sure to check out their tour dates at myspace.com/foolsandhorses, as well as listen to a few of their new tracks from *I Am The Ghost*.



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Local favorite Fools & Horses are set to release their third album, *I Am The Ghost*. The band is aiming for a more pop-like sound much like the one heard on their last album *Pop Filter*. The LP centers on the theme created in the title track that represents of the band's struggle in their personal lives.

and it kind of lent itself to explode," says a thoughtful Hutchinson.

The track starts simply, with finger picked notes and almost a capella pain-filled vocals from Hutchinson. The song continues softly, with no other instruments lending a hand, forcing the listener to focus on the vocals and lyrics. Commenting on love lost and prom

the album], the songs definitely talk about negative subjects, a lot of breakups. And I wrote the songs, but I was very attached to most of those problems, and I had a falling out with friends...[but] it seemed to happen to all of us."

Another reason that Fools & Horses went through such a transition when creating *I*

Superheroes, stoners, and action movies rule the summer set

BY SARA CARR
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

Replacing the last summer's band of trilogies was a blockbuster season highlighted with some of the most anticipated and unimagined comebacks in entertainment.

Not only did a major franchise return after an almost twenty year absence (*Indiana Jones* anyone?), the summer also marked a welcome homecoming to a major screen role for formerly troubled actor Robert Downey, Jr.

And this is not to mention the boxoffice behemoth also known as *The Dark Knight*.

Long before the summer sun would drench the days with blistering heat bloggers wrote about the summer's movie lineup with an impressive fever pitch. These websites fielded an enlivened digital discussion filled with speculation and questions that would soon be answered by a weekly trip to the theater.

Will Harrison Ford still be able to crack the whip with half of the old intensity after a 19 year absence since *Indiana Jones' Last Crusade*? Is Heath Ledger's last complete curtain call worth the premature Oscar buzz? Can Robert Downey, Jr. pull off the role of a superhero? And will Carrie end up with Mr. Big?

The greatest story of the summer is the massive achievement, both critically and commercially for Christopher Nolan's second

attempt with the Batman empire, *The Dark Knight*.

It may be labeled by some as a superhero film due to its roots in DC comics. (Batman's nickname is "the caped crusader" after all.) But this movie is something more.

The Dark Knight is a forceful departure from the norms of its comic book brethren. If anything, the film could be better described as a crime drama with as much of a focus on the psychological aspects of human nature as on the thrilling action and special effects.

The characters are flawed, bruised and broken, as Batman himself is faced with questions of morality in a city overcome by corruption. But even the titular hero ultimately takes a backseat to what will become an iconic performance by Heath Ledger.

Stepping into the shoes that were once occupied by the likes of living legend Jack Nicholson, Ledger's presence onscreen as a psychotic master of chaos that is the morally-devoid Joker is numbing in his ability to embody our greatest fears. And is his performance worth a nomination? The short answer is a resounding YES!

Normally such predictions are reserved for the winter as many of the Oscar bait-worthy films are yet to be released, but knowing the great impact he has made in such a tragically short time in the business, he will at least garner a nomination if not a win.

There would be a roar of public outcry if his name was not mentioned on the ballot and

the Academy Awards' inability to connect to the masses would only worsen if they ignored the people.

Though it is doubtful that the other summer sensations will walk away with any awards, Batman does not stand alone as the only smart and innovative comic book feature.

Iron Man, which includes a most inspired bit of casting, also had its own A-list ensemble that holds more of its own against the dark knight.

Robert Downey, Jr. stars as Tony Stark, a billionaire playboy with a brilliant mind used to manufacture missiles.

When he is taken captive by terrorists who want to use his genius against American troops, he creates an iron suit of armor and escapes with a new state of mind in which he wants to work on saving rather than taking lives.

The political statements made in the strong script along with Gwyneth Paltrow and Jeff Bridges in layered roles continues the trend of superhero films with muscle



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Heath Ledger is pictured above as "The Joker". His final performance as a meniacal criminal in *Gotham City* is earning rave reviews and Oscar buzz. "The Dark Knight" is now the 2nd highest grossing film of all time.

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Futuristic, country and bellcurve styles rule the runway

BY LANA RUSSO
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The relaxed days of summer have officially wound down and I hate to say it, but it's that dreaded time of year again for studying and stress. The good news for the fashionably inclined everywhere? It also happens to be that time of year to gain exposure to the newest trend reports and start stocking up on our back-to-school wardrobes. It's out with the old and in with the new as this season's fabulous fall fashion trends gear up to invade closets everywhere.

With August having come and gone, it's safe to say that this summer took on a style note that was all about tribal-inspired patterns and floral-fabric *everything*. This upcoming fall, designers are sprinting in a different direction, and stylists are predicting that fashion will be all about three completely distinct trends: *superhero silhouettes*, *country living*, and *structured bell curves*. There will be something for every fashion-forward female this upcoming season, whether you play it safe or daringly play it up.

As superhero silhouettes invaded the fall collections of some of our favorite designers, it's clear that Batman isn't the only one making a huge statement this year. Coveted design houses like Fendi and Nicole Miller vamped up the fall runways with superhero-inspired outfits that were all about excess and were anything but ordinary. Imagine catwalks complete with caped jackets, thigh-high boots, funky metallic belts, pyramid-studded accessories, and spacey shoulder and collar silhouettes. This modernized style might

seem a bit intimidating, but adding even one superhero-inspired piece to your wardrobe will give you a taste of this trend without taking it to the life-saving extreme.

Style is all about taking risks that coincide

McQueen and Michael Kors sent layered "country" looks down the runway, complete with everything from plaid button-up shirts and flattering dark-denim jeans, to tough tweed trench coats and over-the-knee leather

the plaid button-up shirt. This must-have item is being designed in comfortable fabrics like cotton, which makes it perfect for when you have to jet out the door to get to class on time and still want to look completely chic.

The last fall fashion trend, the voluminous bell curve, was recently shown throughout the sought-after runway collections of both Lanvin and the late Yves Saint Laurent. Taking a cue from Balenciaga's popular summer 2008 collection modeled by Jennifer Connolly, designers are revisiting the classic 1940's belle curve and are making it all about extreme spherical dimension and accenting your curves. Bell curves create the illusion of a pear-shaped figure by adding an extra bit of volume to your hips if you're lacking in that area. This season, bell curves are being incorporated into dresses and coats in limitless shapes and sizes, so it shouldn't be difficult to find one of these garments to suit your every individual style need.

When wearing a dress or a coat that incorporates a bell curve, try to stick to the basics when it comes to color and fabric. The sharp structure of the piece will stand out enough in its own, so it's a good idea to keep everything else including accessories on the simpler side.

It's time for some selective and successful shopping to get your fall wardrobe in check. If you want to look fabulous but don't have a frivolous fashion budget, bargain nationwide retailers H&M and Forever21 are currently carrying a wide variety of at least one, if not all of these current fall trends. Any of these must-haves would be a perfect closet addition to help you make a seamless style transition between summer and fall.



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Among the hottest trends this fall are superhero silhouettes, country-inspired frocks and a throwback to the 1940s with bell curve ensembles.

with your personal comfort level, so incorporating a stand-out metallic belt into an otherwise simple outfit or buying a jacket with an unconventional collar structure may be all you need to do to fit this fashion-forward movement into your everyday wardrobe.

As the ultimate contrast to the futuristic superhero trend, fashion is also reverting back to its simpler roots this fall with country-inspired clothing in limitless fabrics and colors. Coveted designers Alexander

"riding" boots. This trend is all about creating an outfit ideal for both work on the farm and stylishly strutting down the streets of New York City.

Everyone from the likes of Lauren Conrad and Reese Witherspoon are embracing this tousled trend, and fashionistas everywhere are catapulting simple country-inspired pieces into 2008 by pairing them with modernized accessories like waist-cinching belts and pyramid-studded bangles. My personal favorite country-inspired piece is

N.J. band Trees Above Mandalay releases *Palace*

BY MEGHAN HOLE
STAFF WRITER

Remember when (or if) you had a Myspace account, and random bands you've never heard of added you as a friend?

You'd click on their page, give it a once-over, and accept or deny based on that? Yeah, I used to do that, too.

I've realized that in my time on Myspace (yes, I still have one) that I've "friended" quite a few bands without actually listening to them. So while I was looking through my ever-growing list, I stumbled across the band Trees Above Mandalay.

While looking at their page, I noticed that they're from Rockaway, N.J. I thought to myself, "Half of Loyola is from New Jersey, why not tell them about this band?" And BAM! This article was born.

Trees Above Mandalay was born in November 2006, when the other bands that the boys had been in disbanded. The first four original members were: Brett, Dave, Sean, and Tim.

Later, Mike and Ronnie joined the four, creating the final roster. Dave wails the vocals, Mike and Brett jam on guitars, Sean beats the drums, Ronnie rocks the bass, and Tim owns the keyboards.

Once I got into contact with the guys, I had a few questions for them. One thing I wanted to know was how does one pronounce Mandalay?

Brett clarified this for me, telling me you say it MAN-DUH-LAY. Brett also told me that the name of the band came from Sean, although the original name for the band was Trees Above the Mandalay. Not much of a difference, but still enough.

While looking at their Myspace, I saw that they're soon coming out with a new EP, sometime in Sept. or Oct. and Sean confirmed this information. I asked them

come from a lot of things," said Brett. "But a lot of songs on the new EP were written about the struggles of being in a band, actually." I also asked him who writes the

Technical aspects of an album are always difficult, and I wondered who does theirs. "Probably me and Sean, for the most part," Brett said. I wonder if Dave, Ronnie, Mike and Tim agree with this bit of information...

Anyone reading this know of a billiards hall in Burlington, N.J.? Apparently that's the weirdest venue the boys have ever played at. "...Kids just basically played pool and didn't watch us play," said Brett. "It was kind of awkward."

Even though they're all in a band, the boys still go to school. Sean is going to Montclair University this semester, Mike and Ronnie go to the County College of Morris, and Brett just graduated from Hofstra University. (After receiving this information from Brett, I realized that I was not given any information about Dave. Feel free to ask the boys yourself!)

After asking who their biggest supporters are, I got a simple answer back: each other. "It's very easy to get discouraged by doing this, and we all pull each other together," Brett explained. Anyone else? "And, of course, our parents," he said.

Even though I mostly only talked to Brett, it seems as if these guys have a lot to offer to the music business and to anyone who listens to them. I definitely recommend checking out their page at <http://www.myspace.com/treesabovemandalay>, or <http://www.purevolume.com/treesabovemandalay>. Don't forget to look out for their new EP, *Palace*, coming soon!

Have a band that's on Myspace (or Purevolume or something else) that you think I should write about? Feel free to email me at: mehole@loyola.edu (yes, I know my email is funny), or contact me on Facebook or Myspace!



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Trees Above Mandalay, natives of Rockaway, New Jersey were formed in November 2006. Their latest EP, *Palace*, chronicles the hardships faced when in a band. All of the members of the band took part in writing the lyrics as one of the band's greatest characteristics is team effort. The band has a [myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com) webpage including songs and photos.

what the title will be, and Brett replied again, "The name of the new EP is *Palace*, which is loosely a metaphor for your own personal paradise or space or where you really feel the most comfortable," he said.

I asked them about the things that inspired them for their songs. "Song inspirations

songs for the band, and apparently, everyone does. "We all have a substantial hand in writing our songs, so it's really a team effort," he said. What's his favorite song? "My favorite song is off our new EP called *I Hate Living 20 Minutes From Home*, but I really do like playing all of them."

Movies for and about women are becoming rare in 2008

BY SARA CARR
ARTS AND SOCIETY EDITOR

Amidst all the action films, superhero fables, and overwrought thrillers that packed the summer line-up of movies; one genre that seemed to be completely overlooked was movies for and about women.

With only a sparse few mainstream films geared for the female audience, including May's "Sex and the City", July's "Mamma Mia!", and August's "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2"; it makes you wonder if Hollywood has forgotten the power of women on box-office numbers.

The highest grossing film of the summer may belong to the iron fist of "The Dark Knight", but his punch has yet to knock off the ultimate chick flick "Titanic". A film that even ten years later has yet to be pushed off of its highest grossing film of all time pedestal.

Despite the fact that "Titanic" sailed off with an over 600 million dollar haul, it appears to this female movie-goer that most films these days cater to men's lust for brute action or stoner comedy. The main stars are the men as women are often a part of an after-thought romance thrown in between scenes of car wrecks and fist fights.

If you dissect "The Dark Knight" with an eye towards gender issues it becomes clear that there is really only one woman lead in the entire film belonging to actress Maggie Gyllenhaal.

The film is a masterpiece and by far the best of this year to date. But to only have one woman in a leading role is a depressing statement in such a large ensemble cast including Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman, and Gary Oldman to mention a few.

Maggie, who is one of the best actresses of our generation, is left with little screen time in the almost three hour film. She becomes the underused filler for women in the role of a romantic interest in a love triangle and she becomes a reason behind a major transition in one of the lead characters. But her part doesn't give her much time to stand on her

meets girl, they hit a rough patch, and then ultimately they become closer than ever plot line of romantic comedies; bromantic comedies follow the same pattern but with two male best friends. The trend has been all the rage with "Superbad" as the new-age template.

Both "Pineapple Express" and "Superbad"

women come down to Rosie Perez as a gun-toting female cop who plays (you guessed it) a girlfriend and partner to the villainous drug dealer Ted Jones (played by "Office Space" boss Gary Cole).

The only other role with more than a minute of screen time for a woman is Seth's onscreen girlfriend, a high school senior who is strangely painted to be less mature than her boyfriend who happens to be a mid-twenties stoner dating a girl who is almost a decade younger than he.

Needless to say, women take a back seat in most action and comedy films alike. But there is always an exception to the rule.

Angelina Jolie does play a major role in the action feature "Wanted". Despite that fact, she is an almost stand alone figure in the film when you consider that the other parts for women include James McAvoy's jerk-of-a-boss and his cheating girlfriend. It is interesting to find that even when a film tries to break free of the current mold, it still resorts to putting women in the role of a girlfriend or a mean-spirited force that only holds down the leading man.

With all of these films considered, why is there a lack of films with female leads or the even more rare film centrally geared for the female viewer?

It's a mystery that doesn't quite make sense when box-office numbers are analyzed.

Both "Sex and the City" and "Mamma Mia!" were great boxoffice successes hauling in \$152,358,330 and \$124,469,900 respectively. Their sheer earning power proves that women are not to be overlooked when it comes to creating a box-office sensation, even when the suits would bet against them.

And yet, half of America, a built-in audience with money in their wallets, are ignored at the cineplex for no clear reason at all.



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Julie Walters, Meryl Streep, and Christine Baranski are pictured above in a scene from "Mamma Mia!". This was a rare film for the summer months as womens' movies were far outnumbered by male-centric action films and comic book adaptations. Not only were female audiences greatly ignored over the season; actresses had little to no leads in the much of the summer fare.

own or to really stretch her acting muscles that have earned her several Golden Globe nominations in the past.

Even the archetypal role of the leading man's girlfriend is feeling the squeeze of man-dominated films. "Pineapple Express" is one of many recent comedy films to follow the new box-office phenomena of the bromance. Instead of the typical boy

were written by their star, Seth Rogen, and his writing partner Evan Goldberg. The films are funny, outrageous and hugely popular, but the major flaw lies in the lack of credible female characters.

"Pineapple Express" centers on Dale Denton and his drug dealer buddy Saul as well as a myriad of other male drug dealers and dirty cops. The parts reserved for

'Dark Knight' and 'Iron Man' were the summer's big hits

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and brains.

Iron Man and *The Dark Knight* are destined for comparison as the pair are both molded from the comic world, and yet after watching both of the films, it becomes clear that they are almost incomparable.

Iron Man is more of a traditional superhero film in that it has more bounce and a light-heartedness, as Tony Stark has a sense of humor. Rather than focuses on the darkness of humanity in the seedy urban underworld, *Iron Man* gives hope to humanity as its title character gains a new set of ethics.

Yes, there are villains, but they never seem to match the capabilities of the hero. The ending is also more definitive than that of Batman.

Even the stellar summer season had its own crop of failures starting with the fourth installment of the Indiana Jones series.

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull starts strong with an intriguing Area 51 sequence the leads to a warehouse battle between Indiana and the Soviet forces led by Cate Blanchett as Irina Spalko.

But the film soon turns sour when Shia LaBeouf appears (with a stale reincarnation of a 1950s greaser) in the film to give Indiana a code that leads them to the mystery of the crystal skull, a powerful artifact that he needs to get to before Spalko. This sparks the beginning of the formulaic and overwrought plot twists that sting the heart of any fan of series almost as bad as 1984's *The Temple of Doom*.

Not only does the film feel stale and uninvective, but it also reeks of a half-baked attempt at recreating magic that exceeded

films its expiration date two decades before.

There is something off-putting when, in viewing a film, you feel as if one of

summer, Pixar's *Wall-E*.

The children's movie contained a plethora of modern political and social issues woven into the main plot of boy-robot meets girl-



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Robert Downey Jr. is pictured here in the highly popular and inventive superhero flick, "Iron Man". The film marked a triumphant homecoming for the actor who battled drug addiction in his past. In one of the best bit of casting in the summer, he brings a great comedic element to the comic-book genre.

your childhood heroes has sold his soul in order to stockpile more money in his bank account.

In the case of *The Crystal Skull*, it's disheartening to be let down by what seemed to be movie-lovers dream come true.

The there was the critic's darling of the

robot.

The film is set several hundred years in the future when humans evacuate the environmentally destroyed planet earth to embark on a comfortable space cruise while leaving the lonely "Wall-E" to clean up the mess we left behind.

All the while in space, humans become

morbidly overweight as the pleasure cruise in the stars continues for several generations.

Humans sit in chairs and drink their liquified meals through straws. All of this is provided by robots from the Buy-In-Large company which eerily reminds the viewer of the power of corporate powerhouses: Wall Mart and Target.

The film is creative, well animated, and addresses several relevant issues.

Yet at the same time it is one of the most boring and frustrating movies of recent memory.

For the first half-an-hour or so there is no dialogue spoken unless you count the noises of "Wall-E's" machinery.

A person could enjoy a silent film it is of the Charlie Chaplin or Buster Keaton brand of comedy.

But the film experience begins to become painful when you watch a robot clean for so long.

However, when the movie finally finds its footing in the second hour, it becomes an action-filled farce with mutiny, self-realization, romance and humor seeping out the edges.

It is the journey to that half of the film that may either induce sleep or encourage you to walk out of the theater.

These four movies alone represent the culmination of the summer stock of movies that may have had an unusual amount of hype but still the typical blend of the good (*Pineapple Express*, *Wanted*, *American Teen*), the bad (*Wall-E*, *What Happens in Vegas*, *Sex and the City*), and the atrocious (*Hancock*).

Aries (March 21-April 20) Private tensions are deeply felt this week. After Monday expect loved ones and long-term friends to need extra time to resolve past resentments.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Witty remarks and minor social criticisms are enjoyable this week but easily misinterpreted. Colleagues are now sensitive to private doubt or

leadership role. Allow difficult business differences to be resolved through predictable methods.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Group events will this week offer unexpected emotional opportunities. Romantic introductions, improved friendships or complex business proposals may all be accented.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Close friends and relatives may be unusually sensitive to mild criticisms

this week. Career accomplishment and long-term financial goals may be a private source of tension.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Social invitations and group awareness are now on the rise. Loved ones may this week wish to expand their daily commitments, hobbies or team activities. Join in and explore new options. In the coming weeks shared goals or creative suggestions will improve intimacy and increase long-term trust between friends.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Time sensitive documents will this week demand careful review. Before mid-week deadlines, business routines or financial regulations may be unexpectedly complicated or easily derailed.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Romantic proposals or subtly seductive comments now deserve a fast response. Although potential friends or lovers may act inappropriately, genuine emotions are involved: stay dedicated to trusted loyalties and long-term commitments.

If your birthday is this week... colleagues and older officials will now briefly return to unproductive habits. Delayed paperwork, complex documents or ongoing legal differences may be an underlying theme.

low self-esteem.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Love relationships begin a delicate phase of emotional change. Romantic partners or trusted friends may openly challenge past ideals, time schedules or expectations.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Business routines are this week easily derailed. Annoying mistakes or miscommunications may be at issue. Refuse to adopt a negative outlook: over the next few days key officials may rely heavily on your abilities to engender group trust or settle team disputes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) A close friend this week requires emotional support and complex romantic advice. Controversial invitations, age-appropriate flirtations or workplace attraction may be on the agenda.

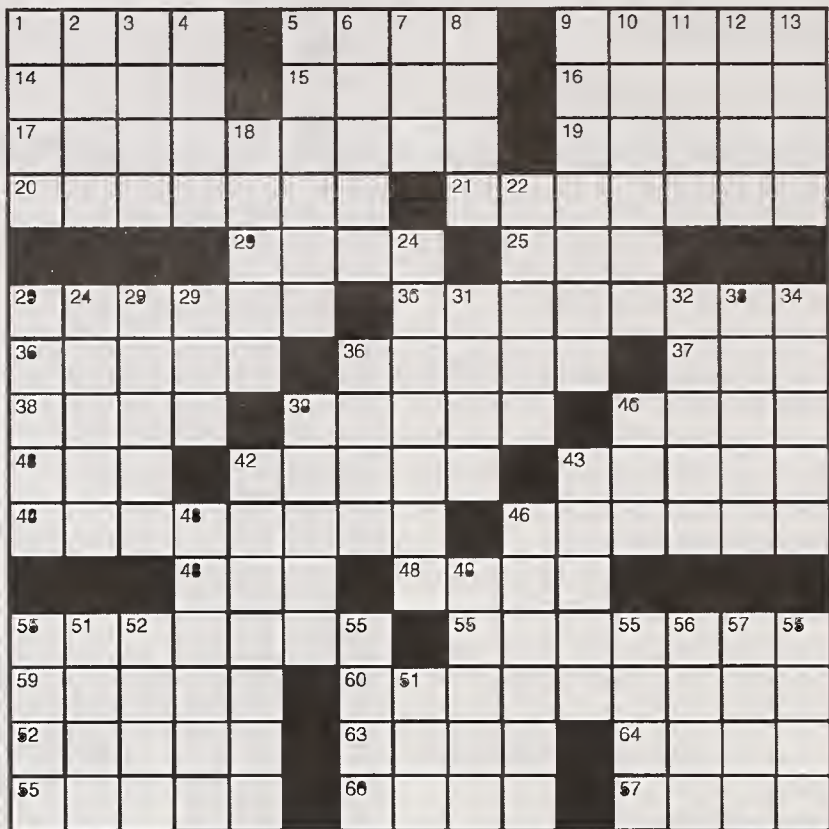
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Unique romantic encounters are accented over the next few days. Many Virgos will soon opt to bring significant change to their social lives or long-term commitments.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Workplace or financial negotiations may this week be temporarily postponed. Short-term contracts and special instructions are highlighted. Experienced colleagues will soon take a

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Concern
 - Bivalve mollusk
 - Hindu hereditary class
 - Closed circuit
 - Tardy
 - Honolulu farewell
 - Pronghorns and gazelles
 - Sovereign
 - Die
 - Sunday talks
 - Prison room
 - Fellows
 - Cautioned
 - Alone
 - Assumed name
 - Kicks
 - Historical period
 - Moral failing
 - Birchbark vessel
 - Breathe in short gasps
 - Actress Arden
 - Editor's mark
 - Lofty nest
 - Changes travel plans
 - Offered a devout petition
 - Wrath
 - Wound sign
 - Tape, glue, etc.
 - Mesabi Range deposit
 - "_ Elena"
 - Intercoastal region
 - Bay window
 - Adam's garden
 - Arcturus or Rigel, e.g.
 - Knot on a tree
 - Left at sea
 - Short jaunts

- DOWN**
- Clothed
 - First-rate
 - Campus mil. grp.
 - Fencer's foil
 - Shut
 - Jacket flap
 - Had a meal
 - Army meal
 - Nooks in library stacks
 - Female graduate
 - Alone
 - In that case
 - Corn servings
 - Oxford ties
 - Overact
 - Elsa of "Born Free"
 - Vacillate
 - Way to bring 'em back
 - Kitchen gadget
 - Highland negative
 - Smoke deposit
 - Inclined to weep
 - Pyle or Kovacs
 - Old-fashioned
 - Expose
 - Feed banqueters
 - Type of shooter
 - Panacea
 - Tell's missile
 - More unctuous
 - Mom or Dad
 - Apple drink
 - Bad air
 - Merit
 - Operatic melody
 - Stage in a process
 - Writer Ogden
 - Director Preminger
 - Harvest
 - Makes a mistake
 - Marriage vow



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EPISODE 1: HIS ORIGINS AND
SOME OTHER STUFF

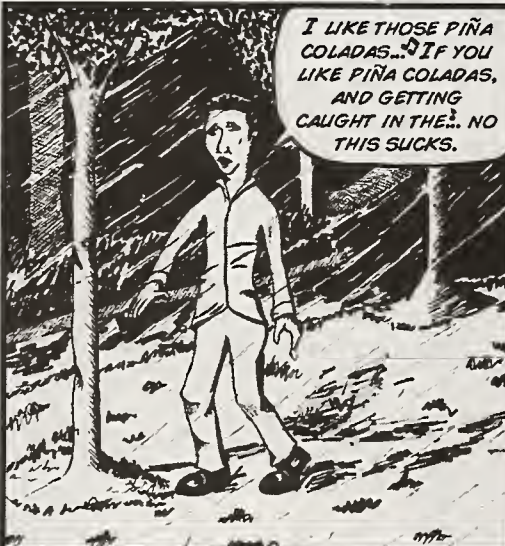
BY
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PAUL ZAJAC

IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE, SPENCER PULASKI, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY FRESHMAN, IS STUMBLING HOME FROM HIS FIRST COLLEGE PARTY.



AUGH, WHY ARE YOU YELLING?!

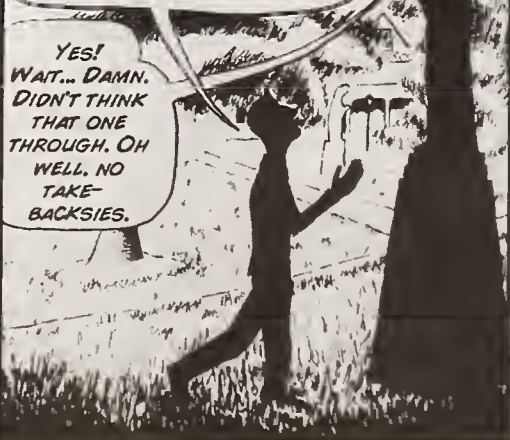
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Midfield machine keeps humming for Hounds

BY DAVE LOMONICO
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Like an offensive lineman in football or a catcher in baseball, soccer midfielders are the glue that holds the unit together. Underappreciated by casual fans but admired by teammates and coaches, midfielders define ruggedness, cohesion and nuance. They are the pistons that make the machine go.

"The job of the midfield is to link everything together," said sophomore Eddie Dines, one of three returning midfielders for a Loyola men's soccer team that went to the second round of the NCAA tournament a year ago. "Milos [Kocic] is getting the saves in goal, Jamie [Darvill] and Phil [Bannister] are scoring, but we don't mind not being in the limelight. We keep our heads down and do the work."

Dines, Danny Ankrah and Mike Deasel were freshmen in 2007, hungry and ready to prove they could play Division I soccer. What started as a major question mark for the surprising Greyhounds turned into a position of strength. It became a unit that played beyond its years, a cog for a team that went 19-4 and came within a few penalty kicks of upsetting powerhouse Maryland in the NCAA tournament. Now those three freshmen are a year older, and the question becomes: Will they get even better or will they succumb to the sophomore slump?

"We should be able to dominate the midfield," Dines said. "Last year everything was new — we were still getting used to the position — but now we have a connection and we know where each other is going to be."

Deasel also deflected any thoughts of a slump.

"We're not going to be happy or satisfied," Deasel said. "Every time we step on the field, we're going to play better than the game before."

Still, Mettrick worries about that second-year jinx. Some of it has to do with smug satisfaction, and some of it has to do with opponents' adjustments.

"Just because you've done well your freshman year doesn't mean you're going to do well your sophomore year," Mettrick said. "It really depends on how they [the midfield]

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KAT KIENLE / GREYHOUND

Eddie Dines and Danny Ankrah celebrate one of Dines' goals last season.



KAT KIENLE / GREYHOUND

Tennant McVea (No. 5) is the fiery Greyhounds captain, while Phil Bannister (No. 20) may be the best scorer in the MAAC.

Hyped up Hounds hope to avoid complacency

BY BRIAN HUNGARTER
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Oh, what a difference one year can make. Coming into the 2007 campaign, the men's soccer team was touted as a young squad given the possibility to compete based upon pure talent. The same team was also taken with a grain of salt and viewed as being at least one year away from becoming any serious threat.

Well, all of those critics can ask the MAAC competition or, for that matter, take the drive down to College Park and ask the Terps if the Greyhounds are a threat after the Hounds fell two penalties short of the second round NCAA upset. After proving themselves as the MAAC's elite team and a solid national contender, those questions of inexperience have gone by the wayside, just like the victims of the 19 Loyola victories in 2007.

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FILE PHOTO

Keeper Brittany Henderson allowed less than one goal per game in 2007.

Women have sights set on deep postseason run

BY PETE THEIS
STAFF WRITER

After a strong 2007 season in which the team captured the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship and advanced to the College Cup, the Loyola Women's soccer team looks poised for more this season. They have a new coach at the helm in Katherine

Vettori and a veteran squad eager to go deep in the playoffs. Last year, under coach John Byford, the Hounds went 10-6-4 and advanced to play Virginia in the College Cup, where their season ended with a 4-0 loss.

"We want to reach the second round of the NCAA's. With our team returning almost all of our starters this is the year we can do it."

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Coming soon:

Swimmer Phil Scholz
shines in 2008
Paralympic Games

Vettori anchors in new regime

BY PETE THEIS
STAFF WRITER

With the start of the 2009 fall sports schedule, the Loyola women's soccer team will embark on a quest to reach new limits. After three successful years at the helm of the program, the Greyhounds found head coach John Byford's successor in another experienced coach with high expectations for a special regime of her own.

"Loyola is a fantastic school with a great academic reputation," new head coach Katherine Vettori said. "I have been waiting for a while for this position to open up. This is a tradition that I wanted to become apart of."

Vettori comes to Loyola after spending eight seasons as the Women's Director for the Soccer Association of Columbia. Vettori was in charge of more than 3,200 female soccer players as she led training sessions, travel teams, and educational programs for the coaches in the SAC. To say that Vettori had her hands full would be a gross understatement.

Vettori's prestigious on-field experience includes a stellar career at Duke University from 1992-96, including All-American honors from Soccer News and making the Atlantic Coast Conference first team in 1993. She was named to the All-ACC tournament team from 1992-94, and was voted the Most Valuable Player of her Blue Devil squad in each of those seasons.

"She was actually on the field so much at such a high level that she knows what we have to get done to be that much better," said senior co-captain Sara Moller. "She knows the game very well being at a Division I level at Duke," added senior co-captain Amanda Piccirilli.

Upon completion of her playing career at Duke, Vettori was hired as an assistant head coach at the University of Pennsylvania

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New LC coach Katherine Vettori suited up for Duke during her soccer career.

Success makes the hunters become the hunted

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"Last year our team had a great attitude," head coach Mark Mettrick said, "We were really focused. It was a good blend across the board of players, and everybody did their job to the best of their ability. There was a difference in a lot of those close games, and obviously we'd like to recapture that this season."

Loyola starts the 2008 season as the projected MAAC champions, featuring statistically the best goalkeeper in the nation, (who happens to be nominated for the Hermann Trophy- the NCAA player of the year), the top returning freshman scorer in the nation, the MAAC's best defensive player (another Hermann Trophy nominee), three other all-MAAC players, and a No. 28 preseason ranking in the College Soccer News poll. With this many preseason accolades, as well deserved as they might be, comes increased expectations, something this blossoming team will have to deal with all season.

"We are definitely now the hunted rather than the hunters," head coach Mark Mettrick said.

For those unaccustomed to the team, Mettrick's philosophy and the lineup of this team loosely (and I stress **loosely**) resembles that of international giant Real Madrid. Like the Spanish side, Loyola's 4-4-2 formation revolves around a solid defense and working forward with a strong build-up. The Loyola attack typically builds to the outside and chooses to swing in crosses looking for the heads of their two strikers, while maintaining the ability to bring the ball inside to their attacking central midfield.

Forwards

Consistency will be the story here, as the Hounds return their young but strong scoring pair of junior Jamie Darvill and sophomore Phil Bannister. As previously mentioned,

Bannister flourished in his first year, leading the NCAA in scoring for freshmen, while notching a team high 33 points with 13 goals.

While Bannister has already been tabbed as the MAAC Preseason Player of the Year in addition to his All-MAAC honor, a decent amount of his success comes as a result of his partnership with forward Jamie Darvill. As many MAAC opponents chose to key on Darvill as opposed to the rookie, Bannister was consistently able to beat his man and rise up to deliver the goal.

It will be very interesting to see how the pair reacts with Bannister likely garnering more attention from the opposition following his breakout season. In addition to the starting two, sophomore Glenn Leitch and junior John Loaiza look to provide Mettrick with some quality minutes off the bench to keep his two strikers fresh.

"The fact is, Phil is going to get marked," Mettrick said. "We're hoping Jamie can pick up some more goals because of that and take some of the pressure off of Phil. I think it would be good to rotate them a little bit so defenses have to look at something else rather than the same two all the time."

In thought, one could compare Darvill to Ruud Van Nistelrooy, the centerpiece of Real's forward movement, and at least last season, the player defenses chose to try to eliminate. On the other hand, Bannister compares favorably to Raul, with his aptitude for scoring goals and success working off of Darvill. The two combined for 19 goals and 11 assists last season, showing flashes of things to come for this brilliant partnership.

Midfield

Arguably the most important piece of this Greyhound squad for 2008, the central third features no seniors and currently is slated to start only one junior in holding midfielder

Mike Deasel. Deasel's energy ranks as one of the strongest in the side, and he provides a tough defensive presence ahead of the back four.

The other main offensive threat for the Green and Grey comes from attacking center midfielder sophomore Eddie Dines, who is the closest example of a number ten role for the Hounds. Dines runs the offense from the center of the park and is inclined to move forward with a knack for finding the netting, as he was second on the squad with 9 goals in 2007.

On the flanks, the speedy sophomore Daniel Ankrah is penciled in for one side while the other side will likely be filled in a rotational form. Ankrah needs to become a more consistent force for Loyola in '08, but his creativity and speed provide a strong weapon for delivering balls for Bannister and Darvill. Other featured mids are sophomore Mike Gill and juniors Wade McHugh and Greg Howard.

"I think our engine room is very good with Deasil and Dines, they work their tails off," Mettrick said, "We've got a nice blend of styles and a strong attitude, which will only lead to success."

Defense

Probably the most consistent third of the Greyhounds, the defense is anchored by MAAC Defensive Player of the Year and team captain junior Tennant McVea. The central defender is the vocal leader of the team and co-ordinates the Loyola defensive plan. He is the key to holding the team together on the back end and is arguably the most important player on the field.

His partner in defense is senior Josh Taylor, a Baltimore native who possesses a very strong tackle, and solidifies the Hounds up the middle. While McVea is the vocal leader, Taylor leads by example, and his tough play reflects in the rest of the team.

On the outside, Loyola will feature two new starters which have yet to be named, but appear to be sophomore Charlie Hutton on the left side and Steven Bantock, a transfer from USC Upstate on the right side. Others looking to get into the mix are Joey Dussalt, Ben Hanson and Cooper Tilton; however a lot of these decisions are going to depend on the great equalizer, the injury bug.

"Last year we had a marvelous season and we were healthy, but we have to be careful," Mettrick said. "There is such a fine line and who is to predict if we will be healthy enough in the right areas?"

Goalkeepers

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KAT KIENLE / GREYHOUND

Jamie Darvill (left), Bannister and McVea are essential components to LC's success in 2008.

Dines, Deasel, Ankrah hope to avoid sophomore slump

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use the first year and build on that success.

"At the end of the day, you have to make sure there's no complacency. There's a huge target on their [the midfielders'] backs, and that should be a huge motivator. They need to embrace that."

Deasel and Dines don't think there will be a problem, especially with that billboard-sized bull's-eye plastered on them and a team motto that emphasizes hard work, heart and a desire to win. Not to mention they have a locker room where no one, not even the goal scorers, is bigger than the ultimate goal of

words, perhaps even drawing a yellow card to rile up the troops.

"Sometimes you need to get a yellow card to get your team behind the ball," said Dines, smirking.

"A big part of our games is playing physical and knocking people off the ball," Deasel added.

Of the three, Dines is perhaps the most recognizable name, thanks to his nine goals and 21 points a year ago, second only to Bannister.

Dines, who is one of the most athletic players on the team, is often asked to move

up with the forwards, and as a result he gets to hear his name over the intercom a few more times than the other two middies. Last year

against Towson, Dines launched himself into the box -- his body parallel to the ground -- thrust out his neck and headed the ball by the keeper for a goal.

"That was just one of the best goals I saw," Deasel said.

But scoring isn't the only trick in Dines' array of trades. The Hounds were leading 1-0 against St. Peter's last year, when the Peacocks launched an all-out offensive in the final minutes. With the game on the line, Dines outworked an opponent, frustrating him, and coaxed him into taking a swing. The ensuing red card turned the game around, allowing Loyola to claim victory.

"That's pure Eddie," Mettrick said. "He's a brave player, and that's priceless."

"Eddie is intense as heck," Deasel said. "I know he'd kill himself to work for me and the team just so we win. Even though he's an offensive midfielder, he's not going to cherry-pick; he'll be right there playing defense with me."

While Dines headlines the trio, Deasel might be the least heralded, which suits his quiet off-field demeanor just fine. But on the field, Deasel's as fierce as they come. He's a defensive midfielder, meaning that when the opposition goes on the attack, he's there to steal the momentum with a key tackle. Unfortunately for him, like an offensive lineman, his plays don't show up on the score sheet.

But they don't go unnoticed to the trained eyes of coaches and teammates. Mettrick called Deasel a "destroyer" for his ability to break up an attack, while also mentioning his technical soundness and catch-up speed when opponents get behind him.

"His defense is just amazing," Dines said. "I can go forward knowing that Mike's going to have my back. If it means he has to run 70 yards to make a tackle, he'll do it, and it makes my job so much easier."

Ankrah is a hybrid, not quite the defensive stopper that Deasel is and not quite the offensive force that Dines is. That being said, Ankrah might be the fastest and flashiest player on the field, his short legs spinning and whirring like bicycle rims. Think the cartoonish-like speed of Roadrunner or Speedy Gonzales.

Dines laughs when talking about his teammate's wheels.

"His feet move so quick! They're just a blur!" he said. "Defenders -- they don't know what they're coming up against."

Ankrah still has to mature with his ball skills and demeanor, according to Mettrick, but the talent is there. And when his head's

in the game, he can be the best player on the field.

Against Maryland last year, Ankrah had a solid outing against Drew Yates, a U.S. National Team player, holding him to just one shot the entire game.

"He's a different kind of player than the other two midfielders," Mettrick said. "Daniel's got more flare; he's tricky, flamboyant and entertaining. He did well last year, and he's got a nice bit of skill."

While the three sophomores will anchor the midfield, there's a hole to fill on the right side, where the Hounds will miss Julian Cantillo's team-leading nine assists from last year.

While Dines has a knack for scoring, Ankrah can run by defenders like a running back in space and Deasel can frustrate opposing attackers with a furious tenacity, Cantillo could serve the ball downfield to the two dynamic scoring threats, Bannister and Darvill. Someone -- either a freshman or perhaps junior midfielder Greg Howard -- will have to step up and be a downfield distributor.

"Julian got a lot of assists and he was a quality passer," Mettrick said. "He made the midfield work last year. We'll have to see who's going to fill the shoes."

Regardless of who claims the fourth slot, the midfield should be in good hands if Deasel, Dines and Ankrah don't lose their hunger and desire.

And like last year, the Greyhounds' ultimate success may depend on this trio. They are the glue that holds the team together, unheralded, but of the utmost importance.

"We know opponents are going to put [extra players] on us, so we know the obstacles, and we know how to overcome them," Dines said. "We know it's going to be tougher to have that success again. So we've got to be even more prepared this time."

“ We [the midfielders] don't mind not being in the limelight. We keep our heads down and do the work.” – Eddie Dines

winning games collectively.

"We're all a team, we all work for each other, and it doesn't matter who gets the spotlight," Deasel said. "As long as we're winning, and we're all playing together, that's all I care about. We were disappointed losing to Maryland last year. No one is satisfied unless the end result is us being on top."

By nature of their position, midfielders are overlooked by those who only see the end result -- the goal scored or the goal saved. "Forwards and goal keepers get all the attention," said Mettrick, smiling. The midfielders do the dirty work, setting up the key pass, intimidating the opposition, making a slide tackle, throwing around a few choice

'Team Attacking' key to success

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senior co-captain Amanda Piccirilli said. The Hounds return 10-of-11 starters from a year ago, including four 2008 Preseason All-MAAC first-team players, seniors Lea Day and Sarra Moller, junior Brittany Henderson and sophomore Lina Staropoli.

"I have never seen such a hard-working group throughout preseason," Vettori said. "They are extremely cohesive and supportive of one another."

The mission for this year's squad is to make some serious noise. "Our goal for this year is to go further than ever before," Vettori said. "We realize that it is no easy task, but we are definitely looking to surprise some people. We want to do better than ever."

The Greyhounds will have their work cut out for them as they were picked to finish second in the conference behind a strong Marist team, which boasts two first team all-MAAC selections, Maria Baez and Lauren Tillotson.

Captains Moller, Day and Piccirilli have already given positive leadership to the rest of the team, according to Vettori. Count on their voices to be heard for a successful Greyhound campaign. "I hope that from the way I present myself people can look up to me," Moller said. "Hopefully I can keep this season going as long as I possibly can."

Forwards/Midfield

The Greyhounds return a slew of scoring threats that should keep the squad ready to strike at any point during the game. Seniors Day and Theresa Ferraina combined for 14 goals and four assists last year. Both are explosive players, and Ferraina connected for Loyola's lone goal against powerhouse Virginia during their first-round loss in the College Cup.

Junior Christina Gomez, who tied Ferranti for the team lead with eight goals, will be another player to watch this season; her excellent passing and shooting skills will make her one the best in the MAAC.

Sophomore Lina Staropoli, coming off her 2007 All-MAAC season, will be counted on for her passing as well as scoring, as her eight assists tied for second in the MAAC in 2007. Junior Colleen Kinealy, senior Kristina

Balfort and sophomore Kelly Farrell are also potential threats on the field as the trio combined for 10 goals and four assists last season.

Despite the statistics, Vettori is most concerned with team speed. "We want to make sure we are attacking with speed, taking more shots-Team Attacking."

Defense

The backbone of the defensive unit is Moller. An all-MAAC first-team player from last year, her energy and skills are what separate her from the rest of the defenders in the league.

Also on the defensive side are junior Heather Cooke, who made second-team All-MAAC, and sophomore Kelly Thomas, who had a great rookie season ending with a spot on the All-MAAC rookie team.

"We need to be organized and make sure to leave numbers behind the ball," Vettori said. "It is imperative that we make sure to make good transitions from offense to defense. We have to defend as a unit."

Goalkeeper

Coming off a stellar season in which she earned All-MAAC first-team honors and the MAAC Defensive Player of the Year award, junior Brittany Henderson would be comparable to trying to score against a brick wall: you can't. Henderson vastly improved her goals against average from 1.24 in 2006 to an astonishing .97 in 2007. She tallied 117 saves last season en route to earning the third-longest stretch of scoreless minutes in school history. For her outstanding play in the MAAC championships she was named the MAAC championship Most Valuable Player.

And if Henderson needs support, Piccirilli



Senior leaders like Lea Day (right) need to step up for Hounds to continue success

is ready to jump into the fray. Known for her vocal presence on the field, Piccirilli made four saves during an overtime win against Iona last year.

"Our goalies are not just about making saves," Vettori said. "They are a part of both the attack and the defense. We need to rely upon them to help us keep possession and clearing the ball well."

Loyola hopes to gain confidence from playing well against a tough non-conference schedule. If they can pick up a few wins against elite programs, it could help them get an at-large bid in the College Cup. With the first test being a road game against seventh ranked Virginia, the Greyhounds will have their work cut out for them. Other contests against San Diego State, Old Dominion, Virginia Commonwealth, Indiana and Villanova will prepare the players well for the MAAC schedule.

"We have to learn not to get frustrated against our out-of conference opponents," Piccirilli said. "They are going to be tough and play us tough, but we need to win those games in order for us to get higher seeds in the NCAA tournament."

Building an 'era of success'

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Last but certainly not least comes the man between the pipes. According to CSN analyst Joe Mauceri said of Milos Kocic, "Of all of the goalkeepers I've seen, he's the most prepared to play in the MLS (Major League Soccer) immediately. His size, positioning and movement are exemplary."

The fantastic junior is the key to a lot of the Hounds' success as he led the nation in goals-against average with 0.47 per game and was second in NCAA with an .889 save percentage. Kocic's 17 clean sheets tied the all-time record of Zach Thornton, currently with Chivas USA of MLS.

Kocic is to the Greyhounds what Spanish star Iker Casillas is to Los Madridistas, the centerpiece of a defensive juggernaut. Kocic possesses the innate ability to not only position himself perfectly but also to determine when to attack balls off his line as opposed to staying at home to fend off a strike.

Without Casillas, Los Blancos would be fighting for a Champions League position in La Liga; without Kocic, the Hounds would be hoping to record a top five finish, but would nonetheless be in good hands with sophomore Kyle Wittman ready to fill any void.

Outlook

One goal of the team was to play a tougher out-of-conference schedule to prepare them for the trials of the postseason. Well, they certainly got their wish, playing ten non-MAAC foes with tough fixtures against Hartwick and Hermann candidate Liam Parrington, Atlantic Sun Conference champions Campbell, and an up-and-coming William & Mary side.

"The nice thing about this season is that we play 10 homes games," Mettrick said. "We also picked up another game, we've got 19 games. That's to give our team a legitimate opportunity to get an at large NCAA tournament bid. I could pick less and easier games and say, 'ah, I can't believe we didn't get in' but knowing I didn't play a hard enough schedule would be tough."

Inside the conference, Loyola's toughest competition will come from the second place tagged Fairfield and Saint Peter's, but Mettrick believes in his team's ability to handle their MAAC opponents because of their special skill sets.

"I think we can score goals, we've got two good forwards," Mettrick said, "and I think we've got very good leadership - I think Tennant, Milos and Josh are great in that area so I think that is a difference maker. Again, attitude is a difference maker. We've also got a nice blend of styles."

Following the success of 2007, anything less than a repeat as MAAC champions and a trip to the NCAA tournament would be a disappointment. "Now there's a tiger on our back," Mettrick said, "but hopefully that motivates us that we know people want to take us on for what we did last year. I hope as competitors we do everything to maintain the level we were at."

"But my goal is to get to the national tournament again but winning games on the field and progress whether through the MAAC championship or an at large bid," Mettrick said. "At the end of the day, that's the rich experience that any collegiate athlete wants to go through. We don't want it to just be just one year here, I wasn't looking for that. We want an era of success."

Vettori a breath of fresh air for Loyola

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from 1996-98. In her second season in Philadelphia, the Quakers won their first ever ECAC championship in addition to recording a school record 14 victories.

After her time with Penn, she moved on to an assistant coaching job for the University of Maryland from 1998-2001. During her time, the Terrapins reached the College Cup in all four seasons with two of her players earning All-America honors.

It is clear that her high-caliber experience prepared her well for a lengthy stay in Baltimore. "From playing on a certain level, I understand the hard work, sacrifice and competitive nature that are necessary," Vettori said. "The support of the women's soccer program from the athletic department is fantastic. I want to build upon the success that Loyola has had, and make it that much further at the end of the season."

Part of Vettori's excitement for her future at Loyola stems from her own personal attitude, something she will instill in her players. "I am extremely competitive. I want to hold the players to higher standards and expectations both on and off the field."

Since the start of preseason, the players have noticed a change of pace on the field. "She's definitely made it a change for us. A good change. She's pushed us harder than ever before, but in the end all the hard work will hopefully pay off," stated Moller. "She demands the best of us both on and off the



Vettori (left) watches the Hounds practice with assistant Carly Draper.

field."

All of these characteristics pieced together made Vettori a perfect fit for the Evergreen Campus. "Katherine was unique in that she had already had coaching success at a college level," said Assistant Athletic Director Bill Wnek. "We were very impressed with her work at Soccer Association of Columbia, and everywhere and everyone we talked to kept saying how much of a positive impression she gave. The combination of character, being a great person both on and off the field, her playing ability from playing in arguably the toughest conference in the country, and her coaching ability at SAC, UPenn, and

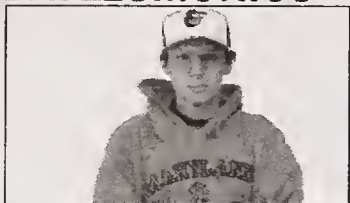
Maryland that made us really want her to coach at Loyola," stated Wnek. "She is great role model for our student-athletes."

In the future Wnek expressed his hope for the Greyhounds to go even farther in the College Cup. "We want this program to not take a step backwards. We are in the mix every year for the NCAA and if we can get a better seed for our first round matchups then we will have the opportunity to continue deeper in the tournament."

Vettori has already gotten the players to believe that they can go farther. "As a whole, with our team we expect better now. We know we can go farther," Piccirilli said.

Jimmy Patsos parlays success into contract extension

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Rest assured, Hounds fans, Jimmy's not jumping ... at least not anytime soon. With college coaches bolting left and right for greener grass, Jimmy Patsos likes it right where he is, thank you very much. While school was out, Patsos and the athletic department were busy finalizing a new five-year extension that will keep the fifth-year head coach on the sidelines at Reitz Arena until 2013.

"I'm thrilled, and I feel very lucky to be part of the Loyola community for five more years," Patsos said, "I'm thankful that I'm here."

Some [read: certain alumni] speculated that Patsos would move on, move up or pull a Rich Rodriguez. It would be hard to blame their logic.

Patsos brought the Loyola program from the doldrums of a one-win season to a top challenger in the Metro Atlantic Athletic

Conference in just a couple of years. Over the last two seasons, he's led the Hounds to 37 wins, the best two-year run at Loyola since the '50s.

In addition, Loyola has already seen one successful coach, the late Skip Prosser, skip town for a chance to coach at Xavier -- where he was previously an assistant -- before heading to the ACC.

Of course, the Hounds haven't made it to the NCAA tournament under Patsos, but some still felt he would strike while the iron was reasonably hot, parlaying his recent success into a coaching gig at a more elite program.

In fact, James Madison (though they are hardly a more elite program) did inquire when they had a coaching vacancy, but Patsos declined the interview. Evidently Baltimore has grown on the Bostonian.

"This is an ideal situation," Patsos said, "We've made an imprint in this area basketball-wise. And Loyola is a national school now, and it's really taken a turn for the better. I want to ride with the school."

The students will be riding right alongside. Patsos has repeatedly reached out to the student body, personally proclaiming them the best fans in the MAAC. Whether or not he was exaggerating -- and Marist fans certainly

wouldn't agree with him -- is not important. What matters is that Patsos genuinely loves the student enthusiasm here, and it's one of the reasons he decided to sign his new deal.

Not only do the rising decibels that rock Reitz rattle the opponents, but they pump up the Hounds as well. Last year, Loyola was 11-2 at home, and since Patsos took over back in 2004, the Greyhounds are 32-18 on their home court. And eight of those losses came in Patsos' first year, when the team was still adjusting.

"We need the students to keep coming to games," Patsos said. "We got a good record at home, and they helped me get the extension. I'd like to thank the students for that. This shows that we're all committed to building the program."

Pat yourselves on the back, Hounds fans. And keep the face paint, the signs and the chants (but please, no more "Gary Coleman") coming.

Besides the fanatical student section behind him and the successful squads he's put together, Patsos had another reason to stay: He just felt comfortable here. Thank Fr. Linnane, athletic director Joe Boylan and the rest of the athletic department for that.

"You can trust the people here," Patsos said. "And I can confide in my AD as a

mentor, a friend and as a former coach."

When JMU called Patsos, Boylan immediately asked his friend if he'd like to remain a Greyhound. Instantly, Patsos said yes. After that, the extension was only a formality, and he didn't even bother driving down to the Shenandoah Valley.

"Joe Boylan was great," Patsos said. "He's a class act; the best AD in the country. He did [the extension] very quickly and professionally. From the top down, this is a great place to be."

Recruits are starting to realize Loyola's a great place to be as well, and now they'll have the security of playing under a coach with a long-term deal. As a rule, lame-duck coaches with one-year deals don't attract elite talent. Nowadays, many college-bound athletes are choosing the coach, not the institution. If the athlete thinks his coach will leave, there's a good chance he won't be attending the school.

"One of the first questions recruits and parents ask is, how long are you going to be at the school?" Patsos said. "You spend two years recruiting these kids, and they want to be assured that you're going to be there."

"Now that I'm here until 2013, it makes people a lot more comfortable."

That goes for students, fans and recruits.

Hounds offense can't deliver, shut out in Vettori's debut, 4-0



Lina Starpoli had the only shot for the Greyhounds against Virginia.

LOYOLA ATHLETICS

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New women's soccer coach Katherine Vettori probably envisioned a better start to her Loyola coaching career than a 4-0 loss at the hands of Virginia in Charlottesville on Aug. 22. Then again, beating the No. 6 Wahoos on their home field would have taken a gallant effort from the Greyhounds, not quite on par with Appalachian State over Michigan.

"UVA is a great team," Vettori told Loyola Athletics, "I thought we played very hard. We defended well and were very organized. There were just a couple of breakdowns which we can fix."

There were a few more than a couple breakdowns, but the Hounds are still adjusting to a new system and working out the early-season kinks.

And against a squad like Virginia, who has one of the best defenses in the land, even if Loyola came out like the College Cup was on the line, they probably still would have fallen short.

In fact, they already did fall short in that exact situation -- by almost the same score -- less than one year ago. This same Virginia team ended the Greyhounds' season in the first round of the 2007 College Cup by a score of 4-1, leaving a bitter taste in the mouths of the many returning players.

"We knew that Loyola had a good team with a lot of returning players and having played here in the NCAA Tournament last year, that they wouldn't be intimidated by the

environment," Virginia coach Steve Swanson told UVA Athletics after this year's game.

But revenge would not be had on this day. Loyola's offense managed just one shot the entire game and none in the first half. New coach, same result for LC.

That being said, the Hounds did play well in stretches, belying that 4-0 final that screamed blowout in the box score. Although the Cavaliers took control early, the Greyhound defense did not succumb until the 37th minute, when Kelly Quinn scored the first of her two goals.

Loyola sophomore keeper Brittany Henderson, last year's MAAC Defensive Player of the Year, survived the early onslaught, recording six of her 10 saves before Quinn broke through.

"Brittany Henderson had a fantastic performance. She came up with some big saves," Vettori said. "Our team defense was really good. Where we are at right now is the most we can ask for at this point in the season."

UVA's Alex Singer set up the first score by sending a pass to Meghan Lenczyk, who then hit Quinn in stride with a pass. Quinn then drilled her shot by Henderson. As the first half was winding down, Quinn notched her second tally off a corner kick in the final minute.

"It took us a while to get the first goal," Swanson said. "The second one, with 16 seconds left in the half, was big because it gave us a little bit of a cushion."

Virginia refused to let up in the second half. In the 84th minute, Lindsey Miller took a cross

from her teammate and one-timed the shot for a 3-0 Wahoo lead. The final goal came just two minutes later when Nikki Krzysik scored on a penalty kick after she was decked on a breakaway.

The Wahoos outshot the Hounds 26-1 and had a 11-0 advantage on corner kicks. Sophomore Lina Starpoli fired the only shot for the Greyhounds midway through the

second half, breaking the Cavalier defense's perfect game and giving goalkeeper Celeste Miles' clean sheet its only challenge.

Loyola had their home opener at Diane Geppi-Aikens Field on Aug. 31 against Old Dominion and then traveled north to Pennsylvania for the Villanova Tournament, where they took on LaSalle and San Diego State.

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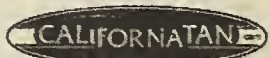
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